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## PROCEEDINGS.

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THE Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masters of North Carolina, convened in its One Hundred and Second Annual Communication, at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Raleigh, Tuesday evening, January 8th, A. D. 1889, at 7½ o'clock, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges was represented.

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

M. W.,	CHARLES H. ROBINSON.....	GRAND MASTER.
R. W.,	SAMUEL H. SMITH .....	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
"	HEZEKIAH A. GUDGER .....	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.
"	JOHN W. COTTEN .....	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.
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BRO.	WRIGHT G. CAMPBELL.....	GRAND CHAPLAIN.
"	ALPHEUS W. WOOD .....	SENIOR GRAND DEACON.
"	EDMUND S. HOYT .....	as JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.
"	FRANCIS M. MOYE.....	GRAND MARSHAL.
"	ALBERT B. DAUGHTREY.....	GRAND SWORD BEARER.
"	THOMAS A. GREEN .....	as GRAND PURSUIVANT.
"	ARA O. EDSON .....	GRAND STEWARD.
"	JOHN W. THOMPSON.....	GRAND STEWARD.
"	ROBERT H. BRADLEY .....	GRAND TILER.

### PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT :

- M. W., Geo. W. Blount, William R. Cox and Fabius H. Busbee, Past Grand Masters.
- R. W., Eugene Grissom, James G. Ramsay and Thos. S. Kenan, Past Deputy Grand Masters.
- R. W., Samuel H. Rountree, Past Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. S. H. Rountree, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted a report, which was read, accepted and recommitted for completion of same, as representatives appeared. The following is the final report :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

The Committee on Credentials report Lodges represented, as follows:

ST. JOHN'S .....	No. 1.....	E. S. Martin, W. M., A. M. Waddell, proxy for J. W.
ST. JOHN'S .....	" 3.....	T. A. Green, W. M., A. W. Wood, proxy for Wardens.
PHENIX .....	" 8.....	W. P. Wemyss ..... W. M.
AMERICAN GEORGE .....	" 17.....	Wm. Simpson ..... proxy for Officers.
STOKES .....	" 32.....	W. G. Campbell ..... Rep.
DAVIE .....	" 39.....	John W. Barnes ..... Rep.
HIRAM .....	" 40.....	Eugene Grissom, W. M., S. M. Parish, S. W., S. W. Walker, J. W.
HALL .....	" 53.....	A. O. Edson ..... Rep.
KING SOLOMON .....	" 56.....	R. T. Stephenson, W. M., J. B. McRae, S. W., G. S. Wright, J. W.
CONCORD .....	" 58.....	Donald Williams, W. M., C. G. Bradley,* J. W., A. Williamson, proxy for S. W.
EAGLE .....	" 71.....	J. G. Cooley ..... W. M.
GOLDEN FLEECE .....	" 74.....	W. F. Beasley ..... Rep.
GREENSBORO .....	" 76.....	A. H. Stubbs, S. W., Thomas Woodruff, J. W., J. D. Glenn, proxy for W. M.
ZION .....	" 81.....	Benjamin Brock and E. M. Foscue, Reps.
FELLOWSHIP .....	" 84.....	Elias Rose, W. M., T. R. Youngblood, J. W.
SKEWARKEY .....	" 90.....	H. W. Stubbs ..... W. M.
JOSEPH WARREN .....	" 92.....	J. K. Peacock, W. M., F. M. Moye and W. A. Darden, proxy for Wardens.
JERUSALEM .....	" 95.....	W. H. Johnson ..... W. M.
ST. JOHN'S .....	" 96.....	Samuel H. Rountree ..... W. M.
WAKE FOREST .....	" 97.....	J. R. Rogers ..... Rep.
HIRAM .....	" 98.....	D. A. Culbreth, W. M., J. H. Royal, proxy for S. W., Everard Peterson, J. W.
ORR .....	" 104.....	E. S. Hoyt, W. M., Walter Jones, proxy for S. W., T. J. Carmalt, proxy for J. W.
CLINTON .....	" 107.....	Monroe Oliver ..... S. W.
FRANKLIN .....	" 109.....	L. A. Potter ..... W. M.
WAYNE .....	" 112.....	E. A. Wright ..... proxy for Officers.
HOLLY SPRING .....	" 115.....	F. L. Stephenson, Rep., W. H. Utley, S. W.
MT. LEBANON .....	" 117.....	Lat. Williams ..... S. W.
MT. HERMON .....	" 118.....	A. J. Blair ..... W. M.
FRANKLINTON .....	" 123.....	W. H. Mitchell, W. M., Jesse Caudell, proxy for S. W.
MILL CREEK .....	" 125.....	N. W. Smith, W. M., Samson Warren, S. W., J. E. Warren, J. W.

MOCKSVILLE .....	No. 134	T. B. Bailey .....	proxy for Officers.
KING SOLOMON .....	" 138	R. M. Croom .....	S. W.
MOUNT ENERGY .....	" 140	M. L. Winston, W. M., J. L. Adcock, J. W.	
MOUNT VERNON .....	" 143	J. M. Edwards, W. M., C. E. Houston, S. W.	
PALMYRA .....	" 147	Z. Taylor, W. M., J. W. Taylor, S. W., F. P. Jones, J. W.	
ADONIRAM .....	" 149	L. S. Ellett, J. W., M. S. Daniel, proxy for W. M. and S. W.	
CHALMERS .....	" 151	W. A. Hayes, W. M., R. W. Taylor, J. W.	
SCOTCH IRELAND .....	" 154	J. G. Ramsay .....	W. M.
WHITE STONE .....	" 155	J. R. Brown, W. M., W. H. Chamblee, S. W., O. L. Stringfield, proxy for J. W.	
ROLESVILLE .....	" 156	J. D. Peebles .....	Rep.
MOUNT PLEASANT .....	" 157	Dudley Peed .....	Rep.
KNAP OF REEDS .....	" 158	J. A. Waller, W. M., Richard Peed, J. W., J. L. Hall, proxy for S. W.	
DEEP RIVER .....	" 164	J. M. Edwards .....	proxy for Officers.
ARCHER .....	" 165	B. W. Hatcher, proxy for W. M., J. R. Barnes and T. R. Christman, Reps.	
WINSTON .....	" 167	N. S. Wilson, W. M., W. H. Miller, S. W.	
BLACKMER .....	" 170	M. E. Carter .....	Rep.
BUFFALO .....	" 172	W. E. Murchison .....	W. M.
GEORGE WASHINGTON ..	" 174	Willie Goodwin and O. P. Sugg ..	Reps.
MECKLENBURG .....	" 176	W. P. Williams .....	W. M.
SANDY CREEK .....	" 185	C. E. Gupton, W. M., A. H. Baker, S. W., W. T. Davis, J. W.	
PINE FOREST .....	" 186	Neill McLeod .....	W. M.
CENTRAL CROSS .....	" 187	W. A. Moore, W. M., T. W. Stokes, S. W., C. Benton, proxy for J. W.	
FAIR BLUFF .....	" 190	D. W. Bain .....	proxy for Officers.
GRANITE .....	" 191	J. H. Boon, W. M., W. G. Parish, S. W.	
BURNSVILLE .....	" 192	W. P. Whittington, proxy for W. M. & S. W.	
EAGLE ROCK .....	" 201	John W. Smith, W. M., P. P. Pace, S. W.	
CLEVELAND .....	" 202	J. H. Wells, proxy for W. M. and J. W.	
ROANOKE .....	" 203	T. L. Emry .....	Rep.
BEREA .....	" 204	W. H. Smith, W. M., A. R. Slaughter, J. W.	
MINGO .....	" 206	R. A. Draughon, W. M., Jesse Wilson, S. W.	
LEBANON .....	" 207	E. H. Cook, J. W., Council Meares, proxy for S. W.	
ENO .....	" 210	F. H. Busbee .....	proxy for W. M.

RICHLAND.....	No. 214....	J. A. Leach, proxy for W. M., H. J. Harris, S. W., H. W. Reinhart, proxy for J. W.
WILLIAM G. HILL .....	" 218 ....	Jno. W. Thompson, W. M., David Rosenthal, S. W., E. G. Harrell, J. W.
WILSON .....	" 226 ....	N. T. Summers.....S. W.
WILLIAM T. BAIN.....	" 231....	W. R. Stephenson, proxy for S. W., K. J. Powell, Rep.
GUNTER .....	" 232....	C. M. Holt.....proxy for W. M.
LENOIR .....	" 233....	S. I. Sutton, W. M., W. B. Reid, S. W.
ANCHOR .....	" 234....	C. N. Allen.....W. M.
COKEBURY .....	" 235....	M. V. Prince, S. W., R. T. Spence, J. W., E. Pope, proxy for W. M.
MYSTIC TIE.....	" 237....	J. G. Nichols .....S. W.
ATLANTIC .....	" 238....	A. O. Edson .....J. W.
ROUNTREE.....	" 243....	C. L. Rountree.....Rep.
PYTHAGORAS.....	" 249....	J. J. Adkins .....Rep.
ROCKFORD .....	" 251....	W. M. Norman.....proxy for Officers.
LEE.....	" 253....	E. B. Jones and R. P. Matheson, Reps.
BEULAH .....	" 257....	Eli Godwin.....S. W.
HARNETT.....	" 258....	A. N. Campbell .....W. M.
WAYNESVILLE.....	" 259....	C. H. Burgin.....proxy for Officers.
HIGH BRITON.....	" 262....	W. P. Williams .....proxy for Officers.
FARMINGTON .....	" 265....	T. B. Bailey.....proxy for Officers.
DURBIN .....	" 266....	W. L. Williams .....Rep.
UNAKA.....	" 268....	W. A. Dills and W. E. Moore.....Reps.
BEAVER DAM .....	" 276....	J. A. Marsh.....Rep.
GREEN LEVEL.....	" 277....	T. T. Holland .....Rep.
REHOBOTH .....	" 279....	James C. Williams.....W. M.
EUREKA.....	" 283....	J. N. Petchel.....W. M.
GREENVILLE .....	" 284....	W. M. King .....W. M.
FLAT CREEK.....	" 285....	C. E. Houston.....proxy for Officers.
CASTALIA .....	" 286....	T. S. Collie.....Rep.
SALEM .....	" 289....	N. S. Wilson.....Rep.
FRENCH BROAD .....	" 292....	W. E. Moore .....Rep.
ATLANTIC .....	" 294....	W. B. Tooley.....W. M.
STONEWALL .....	" 296....	J. B. Coffield.....Rep.
TOISNOT.....	" 298....	W. L. Grimmer .....W. M.
EVERGREEN.....	" 303....	Neill McLeod, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
PLEASANT HILL.....	" 304....	Samuel H. Rountree.....proxy for W. M.
LAURINBURG.....	" 305....	W. H. McLaurin .....W. M.
GALATIA .....	" 306....	A. D. McGill.....Rep.
PATTERSON .....	" 307....	H. C. McAllister.....Rep.
HATCHER .....	" 310....	Wm. Hinnant.....S. W.

KING SOLOMON	No. 313	J. A. P. Conoly	W. M.
NEW LEBANON	" 314	B. F. Dixon	Rep.
JERUSALEM	" 315	H. M. Cowan	Rep.
EUREKA	" 317	E. F. Lamb	Rep.
WILMINGTON	" 319	James W. Monroe	S. W.
SELMA	" 320	J. M. Tisdale, W. M., R. J. Noble, J. W., A. M. Noble, proxy for S. W.	
GRANITE	" 322	G. Rosenthal	Rep.
FALLING CREEK	" 325	J. R. Jennett, W. M., R. A. Jordan, proxy for J. W.	
FAYETTEVILLE	" 329	Thomas H. Sutton	Rep.
BAYBORO	" 331	D. B. Hooker, W. M., C. M. Bobbitt, J. W.	
LOCK'S CREEK	" 333	Thomas H. Sutton	proxy for Officers.
HARMONY	" 340	E. Elmore	W. M.
HICKORY	" 343	L. M. Totten	W. M.
MOUNT MOURNE	" 347	D. W. Bain	proxy for Officers.
DURHAM	" 352	N. M. Johnson	W. M.
EAST LA PORT	" 358	L. J. Smith	Rep.
MT. VERNON	" 359	T. L. McLees, proxy for J. W., W. T. Caho, W. M., T. M. Davenport, S. W.	
MAYON	" 360	C. P. Jerome	Rep.
SNOW	" 363	W. S. Farthing	proxy for Officers.
CRAIGHEAD	" 366	W. P. Williams	proxy for Officers.
MOUNT PISGAH	" 368	L. D. Baucom	W. M.
AIR LINE	" 369	E. F. Glenn, S. W., F. A. Costner, Rep.	
MARS HILL	" 370	A. J. Blair	proxy for Officers.
STATE LINE	" 375	R. B. Price	W. M.
YOUNGVILLE	" 377	J. W. Woodlief and J. C. Williams, Reps.	
SEABOARD	" 378	A. B. Daughtrey, W. M., J. M. Balmer, S. W.	
COHARIE	" 379	R. Honeycutt	Rep.
GRANVILLE	" 380	Bernice Walker	Rep.
REIDSVILLE	" 384	A. J. Ellington, W. M., J. N. Craig, J. W., H. G. Parrish, proxy for S. W.	
SCOTTSVILLE	" 385	D. W. Bain	proxy for Officers.
PIGEON RIVER	" 386	W. H. Hargrove	Rep.
KEDRON	" 387	M. C. Toms	proxy for Officers.
TEMPERANCE	" 389	Calvin Cox	W. M.
COPELAND	" 390	W. R. Doss, W. M., J. T. Blackwood, S. W., J. M. Doss, J. W.	
LEBANON	" 391	Thomas H. Sutton	Rep.
WHITE ROCK	" 392	W. E. Moore	proxy for Officers.
TALLY HO	" 393	J. W. Booth, W. M., S. Peed, S. W., A. J. Walters, J. W.	



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CAPE FEAR.....	No. 394.....	J. E. Lucas, W. M., J. B. McCormick, proxy for J. W.
ORIENT .....	" 395....	W. H. Chadbourn, W. M., H. G. Small- boanes, proxy for S. W.
OXFORD.....	" 396....	D. C. White, W. M., J. W. Hay-, S. W., J. C. Hundley, J. W.
NEWFOUND.....	" 400....	A. J. Blair.....proxy for Officers.
JOPPA.....	" 401....	C. H. Burgin.....Rep.
DOBSON .....	" 402....	W. M. Norman.....proxy for Officers.
SILER CITY.....	" 403....	D. G. Fox.....S. W.
LIBERTY GROVE.....	" 407....	W. W. Barber, J. W. Burchett and P. E. Dancy, Reps.
UNIVERSITY .....	" 408....	J. C. Hocutt and W. N. Pritchard, Reps.
BULA .....	" 409....	W. G. Adams and J. S. Thompson, Reps.
ASHEVILLE .....	" 410....	L. A. Bailey.....Rep.
ROCKVILLE ..	" 411....	J. H. Strickland.....W. M.
HENRY F. GRAINGER ..	" 412....	I. R. Fuller.....W. M.
ROYAL.....	" 413....	T. L. Carmichael.....W. M.
WILTON.....	" 414....	W. N. Harris.....W. M.
MAXTON.....	" 417....	W. H. McLaurin.....proxy for Officers. S. H. ROUNTREE, <i>for Committee.</i>

The Grand Master delivered his Annual Address, which was referred to a Special Committee, announced by the Deputy Grand Master, as follows: Bros. Eugene Grissom, G. W. Blount, F. H. Busbee and W. R. Cox.

## ADDRESS.

### *To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

We are again assembled in our Annual Communication. Familiar faces are here, and hands are clasped in fraternal greetings, and new faces are here, soon to become familiar—and to all I extend a hearty masonic welcome.

We again acknowledge the goodness of Almighty God and thank Him for mercies vouchsafed to us. We invoke His wisdom to guide us in our deliberations.

Measures of importance will come before us, and are to be considered in a spirit of forbearance and brotherly love that should ever characterize Masonic deliberations. New officers are to be chosen to conduct the affairs of the Order, and our best efforts should be for the prosperity of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. Come to the work in fraternal love, and peace will be in all our borders.

### THE WORK OF THE PAST YEAR IN THE ORDER.

I have nothing of special interest to report under this head. So far as I have observed and have been able to ascertain, the general progress is satisfactory,

and the Lodges have been doing good work and have received some excellent members. There has been some friction, but in rare cases, and on the whole I think it has been a year of progress.

In this connection I desire to bring before you a subject that I have for a long time considered, and which has before engaged the attention of the Grand Lodge, but which I consider my duty to present to you now. It is the appointment by this Grand Body of District Deputy Grand Masters. I know I am treading on dangerous ground, because several of my predecessors—Masons honored by the Fraternity—have urged this measure, and yet unsuccessfully, but I think no one can fill the office of Grand Master and not be convinced of the necessity of having such officers; and consideration for my successors, and a reliance on your wisdom and good judgment, has determined me to appeal to you. I will state briefly my reasons for urging it.

It is impossible for the Grand Master to visit but a small portion of his jurisdiction without great loss of time and heavy expense. Many troubles and difficulties occur in Lodges that could be settled or prevented if a capable unprejudiced Deputy, having authority, could be at once called in to decide the matter. Even in Lodges where there are well informed brethren differences of opinion arise, and such is masonic pride of opinion, that each one adheres to his own, and there the trouble begins. The decision of a Deputy Grand Master would settle it and the end would be peace. These small differences, allowed to go on, have broken up many Lodges that could have been saved. It should be imperatively demanded that the Deputy should be conversant with the work and qualified to instruct, and this would do away with the present system of Grand Lecturers, which system I consider a failure—not the Grand Lecturers themselves, but the system. I would not insinuate a word reflecting on our worthy brethren who are Grand Lecturers. The system is a failure because the Lodges, as a rule, do not employ them, and they carry no authority with them. I believe the objection that has been made, and which has determined the action of the Grand Lodge adversely to the appointment of District Deputies, is the expense connected with it. I believe it would have saved Lodges enough to fully have met this objection. In every district of this Jurisdiction we have prominent Masons who know the work and the law, who would consider it a labor of love to serve the brethren, and the expense need not be burdensome. The matter is for your consideration.

#### DECISIONS.

A great many questions have been asked and answered on Masonic law and usages; but I believe no decision has been given that has not been published previously and sanctioned by the Grand Lodge, with one exception, which is this:

A subordinate Lodge tried and indefinitely suspended three of its members, and these suspended brethren appealed to this Grand Lodge. They then claimed the right to visit the Lodge as usual, on the ground that the appeal vacated the judgment.

Article 14, Section 7, amended in 1886, is as follows :

"A Mason whose appeal from the sentence of a Lodge is sustained by the Grand Lodge is acquitted and entitled to the privilege of his Lodge as though there had not been a trial; the appeal vacates the judgment and the sustaining of the appeal is a vindication of the accused." I do not understand this to allow suspended Masons the privileges of the Lodge until the appeal is heard and decided, and I instructed the Master to keep them out of his Lodge.

#### LODGES.

During the year the charter of Falling Creek Lodge, No. 325, has been restored and Dispensations granted to establish six Lodges.

#### ANNUAL MEETING AT OXFORD.

At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, it was ordered that the Grand Lodge should meet annually on St. John's day in June at the Oxford Asylum, as it has been customary to have a gathering there on that day. For reasons submitted to me by the Superintendent of the Asylum, that were good and sufficient, I suspended the meeting last June.

#### SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

There have been eight Special Communications during the year as follows :

At Huntsville, Yadkin county, April 21st, to lay the corner-stone of the M. E. Church, South, Deputy Grand Master S. H. Smith, presiding.

At Morehead City, May 2nd, I laid the corner-stone of the Teachers' Assembly building, in the presence of a large concourse of Masons and citizens.

At Washington, Beaufort county, May 10th, 1888, to dedicate the monument erected to the memory of the Confederate Dead, the corner-stone of which was laid by Past Grand Master Busbee, May 12th, 1886. The ladies of the Association had made elaborate arrangements for the occasion, but a heavy rain interfered very seriously with the ceremonies. I had the pleasure of meeting with Orr Lodge, on the night of the 9th, and witnessed the work of the Master's Degree, which was most admirably done, as good work as I have witnessed in the Jurisdiction, and I was royally entertained by W. M., E. S. Hoyt.

At South Mills, Camden county, July 18th, 1888, to lay the corner-stone of the M. E. Church, South, Joseph C. Rudder, presiding.

Near Gatlington, Gates county, July 25th, 1888, to lay the corner-stone of Ariel Church, W. H. Riddick, presiding.

At Raleigh, August 22nd, 1888, to lay the corner-stone of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Eugene Grissom, Past Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

At Southport, Brunswick county, September 5th, 1888, to lay the corner-stone of the M. E. Church, South, Grand Master presiding. An address was delivered by Brother Eugene S. Martin, worthy of his fame as an orator.

At Wilmington, October 16th, 1888, to lay the corner-stone of St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church, Grand Master presiding.

## FRATERNAL DEAD.

Death has removed from our Lodges brethren beloved—I am unable to mention but few.

Dr. F. M. Rountree, of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 95, Greene county, a popular physician and useful citizen.

L. McN. McDonald, of Evergreen Lodge, No. 303, whose face was familiar to many in this Grand Lodge as a representative and committeeman for several years past.

Rev. A. D. Blackwood, of University Lodge, No. 408, an aged and venerated minister of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Hamilton Allen, of Roanoke Lodge, No. 203, of whom his brethren say—“That we honor his memory with the respect merited by a life singularly free from faults, faithful in every relation—friend, father, husband, citizen, Christian.” A noble testimony.

E. D. Browning, of Roanoke Lodge, No. 203. Frailties he had, for he was human, but his life was crowded with kindness to others, and hosts of friends mourn his loss. To the memory of these, and all our beloved brethren departed, we pay our tribute of respect.

From sister Jurisdictions comes a long list of distinguished dead. We honor their memory and sympathize with those who mourn their departure.

Alabama—Daniel Sayre, for thirty years Grand Secretary. Aged about eighty years.

California—Leonidas E. Pratt and Jonathan D. Hinds, Past Grand Masters.

Canada—James Seymour and Thomas White, Past Grand Masters.

Illinois—William Lavelly, Past Grand Master.

Indian Territory—Rev. Charles E. Gooding, Past Grand Master.

Kentucky—Robert Morris, Past Grand Master, and a distinguished Masonic writer.

Maine—Timothy Joy Murray, Past Grand Master, and Joseph R. Bodwell, Governor of the State, and an esteemed Mason.

Maryland—James D. Mason, Grand Treasurer.

Massachusetts—William Sewall Gardner and Abraham H. Howland, Past Grand Masters.

Minnesota—Aaron Goodrich, Past Grand Master.

Mississippi—Charles A. Lecoste, Past Grand Master.

Missouri—John W. Luke, Past Grand Master.

Nevada—J. C. Currie, Past Grand Master.

Oregon—John Burke Congle, Past Grand Master.

Pennsylvania—E. Coppee Mitchell, Past Grand Master.

South Carolina—Henry Buist, Past Grand Master.

Tennessee—John S. Dashiell, Past Grand Master.

Utah Territory—Obed F. Strickland, first Grand Master of that Jurisdiction.

Vermont—Lucius C. Rutler, Past Grand Master, and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Virginia—Peyton S. Coles, Past Grand Master, and Grand Lecturer.  
Washington Territory—James Biles, Past Grand Master.  
Wisconsin—J. S. Reynolds, Senior Grand Warden.

#### THE ORPHAN ASYLUM.

I come now to this subject—nearest to the heart of every true Mason. The report of the Superintendent will inform you of its situation now, the work of the past year, its increased efficiency and usefulness, its crowded condition, its happy life and its progress towards becoming more self-sustaining.

We now have to look some facts in the face as they rise up before us. We have the honor of establishing the first Orphan Asylum in the State. It has so recommended itself that our example is followed. We should be proud of this, and it should stimulate us to renewed exertion. But it must cause us to consider what it means. It means probably the establishment of an Orphan Asylum by each prominent religious denomination in the State. Alluding to this last year in my address, I said: “there is room for all, need for all, and God’s blessing will be upon all.” I say so now.

There are thousands of orphans and they need homes and training. The result of the establishment of denominational asylums, however, must be to diminish our resources, to some extent. The support of their own asylums will devolve on the Churches, and to members of these Churches giving to its denominational asylum will become a duty, while contributions to ours will become a charity. I believe there are hundreds of Church members, who, while sustaining their own asylums, will continue to support ours, but we must prepare to expect some falling off in consequence of inability of some to do as much as heretofore. We have ample grounds, a beautiful situation, and the testimony of the years past to the faithfulness of the work. We have the endorsement and contribution of the State. We have fully repaid her by taking her homeless children of any denomination—alas too often of *no* denomination—and have fed and clothed them, instructed them in lessons necessary for this life, and for the life beyond this world, and have made them useful men and women. The State has made a good investment, and will continue to do so.

It becomes our duty to take counsel together and determine wisely for the future of this Asylum, that no step backward may be taken, but that it may go on to increasing usefulness.

#### CONCLUSION.

To my successor I shall cheerfully surrender the gavel and the authority of Grand Master.

I have not failed to appreciate the high honor conferred upon me by my brethren—the highest in their gift—and I am not unmindful of their kindness and constant support during my term of office. It has been very graciously given and I appreciate it.

In our installation ritual it is said: “To *rule* has been the lot of many, and



requires neither strength of intellect nor soundness of judgment; to rule *well* has been the fortune of but few and may well be the object of all honorable ambition." I have endeavored to rule *well*, with equal justice to all, and where I have failed in any particular it has been without intention. I have endeavored to interpret the Laws of Masonry impartially, according to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, and the decisions of recognized Masonic authorities. I believe there has been a steady improvement in the order for several years. A desire on the part of Masters and Wardens for more information, a greater conformity by the Craft to the principles of Masonry, they are more charitable, more reverent, more temperate. This assemblage now before me confirms this statement, and I am proud as I look at, and admire you, my honored and noble band of brothers. There are here brethren with whom I have been associated for many years—years that have bound us in the closest ties of affection. In giving up this office I do not give you up, but trust we may work together, till we lay down our working tools, and stand reverently, but confidently before the Grand Master in the Heavenly Temple.

C. H. ROBINSON, *Grand Master*.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Grand Secretary's Books and Report:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

I respectfully present the following as my annual report.

I am glad to state that the impressions expressed in my last annual report, of the improved condition of affairs in this Jurisdiction, have been sustained by the results of the year's operations in the Lodges. These, with the increased demands on the Grand Secretary, show gratifying activity in many Lodges.

The legislation of the last Annual Communication concerning the restoration of members of Lodges excluded for non-payment of dues, settled a perplexing question and has had, thus far, a salutary effect. The new regulation on the subject enables the Lodges to prescribe the terms of re-affiliation—and there is no longer an uncertainty as to the meaning of the law.

I have but few suggestions to submit, hence this report will be brief.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

I feel the necessity of calling attention to the matter of returns. The blanks furnished are suggestive of what the law requires. All gains and losses to October 31st, the date of the close of the Masonic fiscal year, are to be accounted for, so as to determine the actual membership and the amount of dues to be charged to that date. The haste in which many of the returns are prepared necessitates an extensive correspondence with Secretaries, so as to correct errors and thus save a large amount of revenue annually to the Grand Lodge. If Secretaries would comply with the law and send returns to this office by the

25th of November, they and the Grand Secretary would escape much trouble. The Secretaries, for the most part, are business men, but many of them postpone their attention to Lodge duties until they are urged upon them. I trust there may be a continued improvement in this matter, until there shall no longer be cause for complaint, or a necessity for repeated reference to the duties of Secretaries.

#### NEW LODGES.

Six new Lodges have been established under the dispensation of the Grand Master, as follows:

April	3, 1888	Royal—at Royal, Franklin county.
"	19, "	Oak Grove—at Purtlear, Wilkes county.
May	22, "	Wilton—at Wilton, Granville county.
August	17, "	Fairview—at Cobbs, Cherokee county.
"	29, "	Dabney—at Dabney, Vance county.
December	14, "	Charleston—at Charleston, Swain county.

The following Lodges were continued under dispensation:

Rockville—at Stanhope, Nash county.

Maxton—at Maxton, Robeson county.

Yadkin Falls—in Montgomery county.

#### LODGES REVIVED.

The following Lodges have resumed work under the action of the Grand Master restoring their charters:

Townesville,	No. 182	—Woodworth, Vance county.
Balfour,	" 188	—Asheboro, Randolph county.
Randleman,	" 209	—Randleman, Randolph county.
Jefferson,	" 219	—Jefferson, Ashe county.
Unaka,	" 268	—Webster, Jackson county.
Falling Creek	" 325	—Wayne county.

Eno Lodge, No. 210—Durham, Durham county, has been dormant for several years. Through the clemency of the Grand Master in not demanding its funds and other property, it has made repeated attempts, it seems, to resume work, with the promise, at last, of success. It has a large and substantial membership, and, being located in a thrifty community, I see no reason for its inactivity.

#### LODGES REMOVED.

The following Lodges have changed their places of meeting:

Palmyra, No. 147, from Averasboro to Dunn, both in Harnett county.

Berea, No. 204, from Tar River Academy to Berea, both in Granville Co.

Lily Valley, No. 252, to Sunbury, Gates county, from its present site in that county.

Ivy, No. 406, Paint Fork, Madison county, a short distance from its present site, to a new hall.

The law in every case was, in the main, complied with, and this notice is given in pursuance of the requirements of the Code.

#### DELINQUENT OR DORMANT LODGES.

The following Lodges are delinquent in paying dues for two years or more, and have forfeited their charters and property under Section 1, Article 9, of the Code:

Royal White Hart, No. 2, Halifax; Perquimans, No. 106, Hertford, Perquimans county; East Bend, No. 269, East Bend, Yadkin county. I regret that I have to make this announcement, especially as to Royal White Hart Lodge, No. 2, whose existence antedates this Grand Body, and whose name and record have a prominent place in the history of the order. It is hoped that these Lodges will soon resume work.

#### REVENUE.

The receipts for the year amount to three thousand three hundred and twenty-two dollars, and are as follows:

Dues from Lodges for the Masonic year, 1887, and former years	\$3,177 75
Charters, deducting Grand Secretary's fees	76 00
Dispensations, deducting Grand Secretary's fees	54 00
Sales of the Code	12 00
Diplomas	2 25

Total amount .....\$3,322 00

This amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication, 1886, concurred in the recommendation of the Grand Master, to constitute the Grand Secretary and Private Secretary of the Grand Master the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The purpose of this was to secure a report annually, which has been accomplished. In the year 1886, my associate was Bro. Henry M. Cowan, who aided me much, and whose pen did creditable service, and in the two subsequent years, Bro. Eugene S. Martin, to whom this Grand Body, as well as myself, is indebted for two excellent reports. I regret to say that the increasing duties of the Grand Secretary prevent his participation in the labors of the committee beyond the supervision of its publication. I recommend a change in the regulation to the extent of relieving the Grand Secretary of the chairmanship of the committee, but, if necessary, continue him as *ex-officio*, a member. I find in Bro. Martin a willing co-laborer, whose gifted pen can be permanently secured in this immense work of generous gratuity, aided, as far as possible, by his associates on the committee.

## LIBRARY.

The valuable library of the Grand Lodge is being increased, during this centennial period, by the addition of interesting volumes containing centennial proceedings of Grand Bodies, which make up a highly prized collection of Masonic history. Many other volumes have been added. By direction of the Grand Lodge insurance is continued on the library, and effects of the Grand Secretary's office.

Hoping that the best results may accrue to the Order in this Jurisdiction from the deliberations of this Communication.

I have the honor to be, fraternally yours,

DONALD W. BAIN, *Grand Secretary.*

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

W. E. ANDERSON, GRAND TREASURER,

In account with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

DR.		
To amount received from Grand Secretary for the past Masonic year.....		\$ 3,322
To balance carried forward to new Masonic year, being amount paid by Grand Treasurer in excess of amount received .....		338 86
Total.....		\$3,660 86

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1888		
Jan. 10	By balance brought from last year's report, being amount paid in previous year in excess of amount received from Grand Secretary .....	\$ 169 22
11	Samuel H. Smith, Deputy Grand Master, expenses visitation Clinton Lodge, No. 107.....	13
12	A. O. Edson, Grand Steward, expenses Grand Communication, 1888 .....	19 05
12	C. F. Gilbert, Grand Pursuivant, expenses Grand Communication, 1888 .....	21 45
12	B. F. Dixon, Superintendent Oxford Orphan Asylum, on account of appropriation for current year .....	1,000
12	W. G. Campbell, Grand Chaplain, expenses Grand Communication, 1888 .....	13
12	G Rosenthal, in full services as Assistant Grand Secretary, .....	25
12	Samuel H. Smith, Deputy Grand Master, expenses Grand Communication, 1888.....	10 65
	Amount carried forward .....	\$1,271 37

1888		Amount brought forward .....	\$1,271	37
Jan.	12	F. M. Moye, Grand Marshal, expenses, Grand Commu- nication, 1888 .....	10	90
	12	A. B. Daughtrey, Grand Sword Bearer, expenses, Grand Communication, 1888 .....	12	25
	12	A. W. Wood, Senior Grand Deacon, expenses, Gr. Com- munication, 1888 .....	10	25
	12	C. H. Robinson, Grand Master, expenses, Grand Commu- nication, 1888 .....	5	25
	13	H. A. Gudger, Senior Grand Warden, expenses, Grand Communication, 1888 .....	21	
	14	R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler, expenses, Grand Com., 1888, .....	31	35
	14	L. S. Williams, Past Grand Master, lost note paid him by order of Grand Lodge .....	100	
	17	Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, rent of Grand Lodge room, 1886 and 1887 .....	50	
	17	John T. Morris, writing boards and upholstering chairs. ...	10	
	19	Masonic Furnishing Co., Grand Officers' aprons and jewels, .....	40	
	19	Oxford Orphans' Friend, advertising meeting of Gr. Lodge, .....	3	
	21	S. A. Ashe, P. M., postage stamps .....	3	
	24	A. Williams & Co., stationery .....	5	05
	24	News and Observer, advertising meeting of Grand Lodge. ..	5	
	27	John W. Cotten, Junior Grand Warden, expenses, attend- ing Grand Communication .....	15	
	27	Western Union Telegraph Co., telegrams .....		96
	27	Southern Express Co., freight on package .....		25
March	1	F. H. Cameron & Co., insurance on Orphan Asylum butld- ings .....	23	13
	1	Andrew Syme, Agent, insurance on Orphan Asylum build- ings .....	34	69
	1	S. A. Ashe, Postmaster, postage .....		660
	3	W. W. Smith, Agent, insurance Orphan Asylum build'gs, .....	66	50
	23	Edwards & Broughton, printing proceedings, blanks and stationery .....	284	60
	23	W. S. Primrose, Ag't, insurance on Orphan Asylum build'gs ..	64	75
	26	S. A. Ashe, P. M., postage on proceedings of Grand Lodge, ..	43	50
May	14	R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler, expenses, Grand Communica- tion in Morehead City .....	14	10
	14	Southern Express Co., freight on package .....		50
	14	Southern Express Co., freight on package .....		50
	14	S. A. Ashe, Postmaster, 500 two-cent envelopes .....	11	
	30	North Carolina Home Ins. Co., insurance on contents of Grand Secretary's office .....	6	60
July	2	A. Williams & Co., stationery .....	4	50
	9	Southern Express Co., freight on package .....		40
	19	" " " " " " .....		30
	31	" " " " " " .....		45
Aug.	3	B. F. Dixon, Sup't, on account appropriation Oxford Orphan Asylum .....	250	
	25	Southern Express Co., freight on package .....		25
	27	C. H. Robinson, Grand Master, traveling expenses, print- ing, stamps, telegrams, &c .....	37	76
Sept.	5	B. F. Dixon, Sup't, on acc't appropriation for Orphan Asylum .....	250	
	15	Southern Express Co., freight on package .....		25
Oct.	5	S. A. Ashe, P. M., postage on blank returns .....	5	
		Amount carried forward .....	\$2,700	01



1888		Amount brought forward.....	\$ 2,700	01
Oct.	15	Southern Express Co., freight on package.....		50
Nov.	3	" " " " " ".....		35
Dec.	4	" " " " " ".....		25
	19	" " " " " ".....		25
	20	R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler, expenses, meeting of Grand Lodge in Raleigh, laying corner-stone of College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.....	6	
	20	D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary, postage stamps.....	3	50
	31	Eugene S. Martin, Private Secretary to the Grand Master, salary for current Masonic year.....	100	
1889				
Jan.	3	D. W. Bain, Gr. Secretary, salary for Masonic year, 1887 -	700	
	3	Commissions allowed Grand Treasurer for past Masonic year.....	150	
		Total.....	\$3,660	86

I have continued to keep the amount of thirteen thousand dollars insurance on the Orphan Asylum buildings and furniture during the past year, and on the contents of the Grand Secretary's office the sum of six hundred dollars, the whole at a cost of one hundred and ninety-five dollars and sixty-seven cents, as will be seen by reference to the account and vouchers filed with this report.

The legacy to the Orphan Asylum made by the late Hon. B. F. Moore, is in the same shape it has been for several years, namely, on bond and mortgage on real estate, in the sum of one thousand dollars, upon which the interest at eight per cent. has been promptly and regularly paid and turned over to the Superintendent of the Asylum; the security is said to be ample, and unless otherwise instructed by the Grand Lodge, will remain invested in the same security for the present. I desire respectfully to call the attention of the Grand Lodge, to the constantly increasing balance against the Grand Treasury, on account of the excess of expenditures over receipts, which, while it has been growing gradually larger year by year, for three or four years, has not yet amounted to a large sum (three hundred and thirty-eight dollars and eighty-six cents), but if it should continue to increase it may seriously interfere with the ability of the Grand Lodge to render that aid to the Oxford Orphan Asylum, which it has been in the habit of appropriating at each Grand Annual Communion. Already for two or three years, the condition of the Treasury of the Grand Lodge has not been such as to admit of the payment by the Grand Treasurer to the Asylum of the whole amount appropriated by the Grand Lodge by the sum of five hundred dollars. The remedy for this state of affairs, is of course to increase slightly the revenues of the Grand Lodge, or to reduce the annual appropriation for the Asylum, or to economize in the expenditures made for all other purposes. The latter course seems almost impossible, as the expenses are, at present, less, perhaps, than any other Grand Lodge in the United States. To reduce the appropriation to the Orphan Asylum is, of course, not to be thought of, other than as a last resort, and the only alternative I see is to make the revenues of the Grand Lodge somewhat larger. A very slight increase in the per capita tax would easily accomplish the object, and would seem to be

entirely preferable to reducing the appropriation. To strengthen my position in this matter, I will close by quoting an extract from the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for the Grand Lodge of Montana, showing how our present attitude in this regard is understood and appreciated by others. In his report, in speaking of the relations of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina with its Orphan Asylum, he says: "Other Grand Lodges may have given more from their greater abundance, but to our North Carolina brethren, belongs the palm in this centennial year, of having excelled all, in proportion to their means, in this most appropriate Masonic work in the world."

As Chairman of the Committee on Printing, I report that the Committee invited proposals for the publication of the annual proceedings, and after due consideration awarded the work to Messrs. Edwards & Broughton, they having made the lowest bid; they have given the Grand Lodge a creditable job, and at a moderate cost.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. ANDERSON, *Grand Treasurer.*

Bro. B. F. Dixon, Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum, presented the following report, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Orphan Asylum :

*To the Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum :*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor of submitting herewith the sixteenth annual report of the Oxford Orphan Asylum for the year ending December 31, 1888.

In my last annual report, submitted to you at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, for 1887, we reported two hundred and twenty-one children on our roll. We have admitted during the present year, seventy-two, discharged forty-two, leaving now in the Asylum two hundred and fifty-one.

RECEIPTS.

On hand at beginning of the year.....	\$ 644 64
Received from State Treasury.....	10,000 00
“ “ Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge.....	1,500 00
“ “ Orphans' Friend.....	4,168 61
“ “ all other sources.....	3,798 98
Total.....	\$20,112 23
Expended for all purposes.....	19,253 87
Balance.....	\$ 758 36

THE ORPHANS' FRIEND.

The gross receipts of this department for the year have been.....	\$ 4,168 61
Claims unpaid.....	617 75
Total.....	\$ 4,786 36
Expenditures have been.....	2,604 27
Leaving a balance of.....	\$ 2,182 09

In addition to the publication of the *Orphans' Friend* in this office, we have published the *Henderson News*, of Henderson, N. C., and began the publication of the *News of Oxford*, Oxford, N. C., September 8th, 1888. The *Henderson News* suspended publication December 13th. We still continue to print the *News of Oxford*. We have ten boys in this department, some of whom will leave for lucrative positions at an early day. We exceedingly regret that Mr. L. Thomas, who has filled the position of manager of this department so efficiently for the past four years, has found it expedient to sever his connections with the Institution, in order to take charge of a job printing office in Henderson, N. C. I have secured the services of Miss Mamie L. Hatchett as editor of the *Orphan's Friend*. She will have charge of the entire office until other arrangements can be made. Misses Hatchett and Batchelor have done good work for us as traveling agents during the year.

#### FARM AND GARDEN.

The past year has been, on the whole, unfavorable to gardening and farming, consequently the results are not so good as for the year 1887. In the expenses I include the labor of hauling supplies, &c., which are not actual farm expenses; therefore, it is impossible to give an accurate estimate of cost of cultivation.

Results of the year 1888 are no proper indication of the improvement of the farm and garden, as the policy I have pursued has not been solely for immediate results. I have endeavored to bring up a larger area of ground, therefore have used large quantities of manure to that end, rather than securing a larger yield from land already in good condition. We have cleared about thirty acres of land during the past year. This land was planted in corn, but the drought of July and August caused an almost entire failure in the crop. The land is now in fine condition for the present year.

#### PRODUCE FROM ASYLUM FARM—1888.

Asparagus, from April 1st to June 1st—430 bunches, 12½c. per bunch, \$	53 75
Strawberries—1,100 quarts at 12½c. per quart.....	137 50
Cabbages—10,000, 1st crop injured by frost, produced but 50 bushel greens at \$1.00.....	50 00
“ 4,000 1st summer crop, injured by hail on 12th May ....	100 00
“ 5,000 second crop, average 3½c.....	175 00
“ 1,000 late cabbage, 4c.....	40 00
English Peas—140 bushels at \$1.00 per bushel .....	140 00
Potatoes—70 bushels Irish potatoes at \$1.30 .....	91 00
“ 600 bushels sweet potatoes at 50c.....	300 00
Turnips—2,000 bushels, including those now grown, 50c.....	1,000 00
Beets—300 bushels beets at 50c.....	150 00
Onions—100 bushels onions at \$1.00 .....	100 00
Beans—120 bushels butter-beans at \$1.00.....	120 00
“ 65 bushels snaps at \$1.00.....	65 00

Tomatoes—250 bushels tomatoes at 75c .....	\$ 175 00
Cantaloupes—4,000 cantaloupes at 5c .....	200 00
Corn—400 dozen ears corn at 10c .....	40 00
Squash—60 bushels at 50c .....	30 00
Cucumbers—20 bushels cucumbers at \$1.00 .....	20 00
Celery—3,000 plants celery at 5c .....	150 00
41 lbs. turnip seed at 50c .....	21 00
Carrots, parsnips, salsify, lettuces, radishes, &c .....	100 00
10,000 cabbage plants, worth \$2.00 per thousand .....	20 00
5 bushels English peas for seed, \$4.00 .....	25 00
Fodder—1,400 bundles fodder .....	42 00
“ 3,000 lbs. corn fodder .....	15 00
30 barrels corn at \$3.00 .....	90 00
4,000 lbs. clover hay .....	40 00
10 tons of fine meadow hay—not including stacks of 1887 .....	200 00
4,000 lbs. oats at 60c .....	24 00
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	\$3,714 25
The sales of the year from the garden .....	\$ 377 38
Amount of crops harvested .....	3,336 87
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Total .....	\$3,714 25
Expenses of farm .....	2,153 37
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Profit of crop .....	\$1,560 88

I am glad to state that the farm has been brought up to a high state of productiveness, and with the blessings of a kind Providence, we have reason to expect bountiful harvests in the future.

#### HEALTH.

The health of the children has never been better. Little Lula Cope, aged five years, admitted March, 1888, died July. She was an exceedingly unhealthy child, when admitted, and soon yielded to the effects of the disease already in her system when admitted.

In this connection it is exceedingly painful to chronicle the death of Willie Kilby, one of our printer boys, who was accidentally killed by the discharge of a pistol in the hands of one of his little comrades. Willie was one of our best boys, and his untimely death cast upon us all the shadow of a great grief.

#### SCHOOL-ROOMS.

We have made the following changes in our corps of teachers during the past year. Miss Julia Scott, of Jacksonville, N. C., in charge of Third Form Girls, in place of Miss Carrie Rishton, of New Berne, N. C.; Miss M. Rolin Stubbs,

of Edenton, N. C., teacher of Second Form Boys, in place of Miss Florence Baugh, of Raleigh, N. C. Miss Lena Hudgins will take charge of the Second Form Girls, the fifteenth of January, in place of Mrs. L. Thomas, who will remove to Henderson. We have bought many new books during the past year. The teachers have all been faithful in the discharge of their duties, and have done good work for the institution.

## SHOE-SHOP.

This department is still under the control of Mr. J. W. Smith, and under his faithful management much good work has been done.

Total amount of work done for orphans.....	\$ 579 42
Total amount of work done for customers.....	912 79
Leather, tools, shoes and free-hand per inventory .....	349 88
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Total amount .....	\$1,842 09
To amount of leather, shoes, tools on hand, Dec. 31st, per inventory.....	\$ 224 27
To amount paid for leather, tools, wages, &c.....	1,358 12
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	1,582 39
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Profits of shoe-shop .....	\$ 259 70

## BROOM FACTORY.

On the tenth of last April we established a broom factory as an industrial feature, and employed Mr. W. M. McKennie, of Goldsboro, as manager.

From that time until the 31st of last Dec., we sold 3,087 brooms ----	\$ 770 80
We now have 2,125 brooms, valued at.....	306 43
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Total.....	\$1,077 23
Expenses for machinery, wages and material.....	715 26
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Balance.....	\$ 361 97

Owing to the difficulty in obtaining reduction of freight rates, and the usual circumstances surrounding a new enterprise, we have been able to do but little in this department so far, but it will be necessary for us to double our capacity in order to be able to supply the demands for brooms during the incoming year. We can safely say we make as good brooms of the different grades as can be found in the country.

During the month of August, I made an appeal to the subordinate Masonic Lodges of the State, for aid in erecting the annex to the boys' building, which your Board gave me permission to build last year, but which I have never been able to reach on account of the pressing claims for food and clothing and shelter for the orphans of North Carolina. Quite a number of the Lodges responded



very generously to this appeal and sent to me seven hundred and thirty dollars and forty-three cents. Four hundred and fifty dollars of this amount have been expended for brick and other material, and work on the building will be commenced as soon as the spring opens. This is a pressing need of the institution, and must be attended to. With the amount of money on hand, and the help which I feel sure the brethren will extend to us, I am satisfied that the building will be completed by the 24th of next June, at which time many of the fraternity will gather at the Asylum.

#### CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

The Christmas holidays were very pleasant to us all. I desire to take opportunity of returning sincere thanks to all who so generously aided us in making our children happy upon the anniversary of our blessed Saviour's birthday.

Col. W. F. Beasley again acted the part of Santa Claus with great success and to the great delight of all the children.

The Thanksgiving contributions have been more liberal this year than in any of the past years.

In this connection I desire to return thanks to the Masons of North Carolina for the very generous manner in which they have contributed to our relief. Many of the contributions from the Lodges have been unusually liberal, and we feel sure that the Oxford Orphan Asylum was never more deeply loved by the Masons of North Carolina than it is to-day.

#### CONCLUSION.

I would respectfully ask of the Grand Lodge, through your honorable board, the appointment of an executive committee, consisting of three brethren from the town of Oxford, or from section adjacent thereto, in order that the Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum may have an Advisory Board, accessible at all times; feeling assured of the impossibility of securing a quorum of the Board of Directors, while some of its members live at a remote distance from the Asylum.

With thanks for the many favors during the past year, and praying God's blessings upon us all, this report is respectfully submitted,

B. F. DIXON, *Superintendent.*

A petition from Edgecombe Lodge, No. 298, asking for a change of its name to *Toisnot*, was presented and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances. The committee subsequently reported in favor of the change, which was concurred in.

Bro. Eugene Grissom, from the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

The Committee, to which was referred the Address of the Grand Master, beg leave to express their appreciation of the admirable tone of fraternal love which breathes through the message of their honored head, and to congratulate the fraternity upon the year of progress and peace.

They recommend that the portion of the address in regard to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to a special committee of five.

That the decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That the portion in reference to the Orphan Asylum be referred to the Committee on the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

That the names of and allusions to the Fraternal Dead of this and other Jurisdictions be referred to a Special Committee on Necrology, consisting of seven.

That the remainder of the address requires no special reference, except to the hearts of the craftsmen.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE GRISSOM,  
GEO. W. BLOUNT,  
WM. R. COX,  
F. H. BUSBEE,

*Committee.*

Standing Committees were announced as follows:

*On Charters and Dispensations :*

Bros. S. H. Rountree, J. D. Glenn and B. W. Hatcher.

*On Grand Secretary's Books and Report :*

Bros. Calvin Cox, W. H. Smith and R. A. Draughon.

*On Unfinished Business :*

Bros. N. S. Wilson, E. A. Wright and W. H. Mitchell.

*On Accounts and Claims :*

Bros. William Simpson, A. N. Campbell and H. M. Cowan.

*On Work, Proceedings and Returns of Lodges :*

No. 1.—Bros. C. P. Jerome, J. G. Cooley and J. K. Peacock.

No. 2.—Bros. C. E. Houston, E. G. Harrell and S. I. Sutton,

No. 3.—Bros. W. E. Moore, T. T. Holland and W. L. Grimmer.

*On Orphan Asylum :*

Bro. W. F. Beasley, in place of Bro. G. Rosenthal, excused at his request;  
Bro. A. J. Blair, in place of Bro. J. W. Cortland, absent.

*Special Committee on Appeals:*

Bros. J. G. Ramsay, A. J. Blair and E. B. Jones.

It was ordered that all appeals be referred to foregoing committee.

Special committees were appointed on subjects mentioned in Grand Master's Address, as follows:

*On District Deputy Grand Masters:*

Bros. W. H. Chadbourn, J. D. Glenn, G. W. Blount, J. W. Thompson and J. G. Nichols.

*On Necrology:*

Bros. Eugene Grissom, W. G. Campbell, W. R. Cox, Erskine Pope, J. J. Adkins, J. A. P. Conoly and J. B. MacRae.

Bro. W. F. Beasley introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are returned to Bro. James Boyd, of Harrisburg, Pa., Bro. Wm. J. Latta, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Bro. H. F. Bruner, of Columbia, Pa., for the car load of coal sent the Masonic Orphan Asylum, Oxford, N. C., as a Christmas present, and to Mr. W. H. Joyce, General Freight Agent Pennsylvania Railroad, and Mr. Sol. Haas, Traffic Manager of the Associated Railroads of Virginia and the Carolinas, for the free movement of said coal from Harrisburg, Pa., to Oxford, N. C.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, January 9th, 1889.

**T**HE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, the Grand Master presiding.

The proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

Bro. N. S. Wilson, from the Committee on Unfinished

Business, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Your Committee on Unfinished Business find on page 26 of Proceedings of 1888 a memorial from Oxford Lodge, No. 396, praying that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina change its place of meeting from Raleigh to Oxford, which memorial should come up for the consideration of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. WILSON,  
E. A. WRIGHT,  
*Committee.*

Representatives from Grand Lodges near this Grand Body were present, as follows:

ALABAMA .....	DONALD W. BAIN.
ARKANSAS .....	FABIUS H. BUSBEE.
CANADA .....	GEORGE W. BLOUNT.
CONNECTICUT .....	DONALD W. BAIN.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA .....	CHARLES H. ROBINSON.
GEORGIA .....	DONALD W. BAIN.
ILLINOIS .....	DONALD W. BAIN.
IOWA .....	CHARLES H. ROBINSON.
KANSAS .....	EUGENE S. MARTIN.
KENTUCKY .....	DONALD W. BAIN.
MARYLAND .....	HENRY M. COWAN.
MINNESOTA .....	EUGENE GRISSOM.
NEW JERSEY .....	DONALD W. BAIN.
NOVA SCOTIA .....	THOMAS S. KENAN.
OREGON .....	JOHN W. COTTEN.
PENNSYLVANIA .....	WILLIAM R. COX.
TENNESSEE .....	DONALD W. BAIN.
TEXAS .....	DONALD W. BAIN.
VIRGINIA .....	WILLIAM E. ANDERSON.

Bro. B. W. Hatcher, from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Committee on Charters and Dispensations have carefully examined the records and proceedings of Rockville Lodge, U. D., Nash county, and recommend that a charter be granted; Dabney Lodge, U. D., Vance county, and recommend that a charter be granted; Royal Lodge, U. D., and recommend that a char-

ter be granted; Wilton Lodge, U. D., and recommend that a charter be granted; Oak Grove Lodge, U. D., and recommend that a charter be granted; Fairview Lodge, U. D., and recommend that a charter be granted; Maxton Lodge, U. D., and recommend that a charter be granted. Dabney Lodge applies for a change of its name to Henry F. Grainger, and Fairview Lodge applies for a change of name to Bellview, which we recommend.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAM'L H. ROUNTREE,  
B. W. HATCHER,  
JAMES D. GLENN,

*Committee.*

Charters were issued bearing date January 9th, 1889, as follows:

Rockville, No. 411, Stanhope, Nash county; Henry F. Grainger, No. 412, Dabney, Vance county; Royal, No. 413, Royal, Franklin county; Wilton, No. 414, Wilton, Granville county; Oak Grove, No. 415, Purtlear, Wilkes county; Bellview, No. 416, Cobbs, Cherokee county, and Maxton, No. 417, Maxton, Robeson county.

The special order for the hour of 10 o'clock, being the question of removal of the seat of the Grand Lodge from Raleigh to Oxford, was announced. The following report was read:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

The committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge to consider the question of the removal of site of the Grand Lodge from Raleigh to Oxford, beg leave to report:

That, on the 27th day of August, 1888, the committee had a session in the city of Greensboro (all the members having been notified of time and place); present, A. H. A. Williams, John W. Thompson and Geo. W. Blount. Upon consideration of the matter, and in view of the fact that the report of the committee will have to be sent to the Lodges, and the whole matter decided by the Grand Lodge in Annual Communication, it was resolved to report back the memorial of Oxford Lodge, No. 396, with the resolutions offered thereunder, without prejudice. But in order that the Lodges may see the report before the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and delegates and representatives may be informed, the committee deemed it proper to make a summary of the views of the friends for and against the measure.

Those in favor, as represented by Oxford Lodge, urge the importance of having a fixed abode for the Grand Lodge; owning property at Oxford, the Orphan Asylum lands, upon which a suitable edifice might be erected; the offer of Ox-



ford Lodge to contribute the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars to the building fund, asking no other return than the use of the hall for Lodge meetings; to enhance the interest of the Orphan Asylum, in having the representatives of subordinate Lodges in immediate view of the institution once a year, and the need of that institution of additional accommodation in the way of building, the first and second floors of the proposed Grand Lodge building to be so appropriated; and the singleness of purpose on the part of members of the Grand Lodge when convened in Oxford to give attention to the business of the Grand Lodge and to the Orphan Asylum.

Those opposed to removal urge: The central location at the capital of the State, where the Grand Lodge has held its Annual Communications for nearly one hundred years; where delegates will be, as heretofore, attracted and induced to attend by other considerations than those pertaining to the Grand Lodge business; where distant Lodges can have representation at least every two years in members of the State Legislature, saving the expense of delegates, thereby enabling them to pay dues with more facility; the aid of the Masonic bodies of Raleigh in providing the hall in which the Grand Communications are held, as well as furnishing hall for other meetings, as required from time to time by the exigencies of the Grand Lodge, at the annual rental of the insignificant sum of twenty-five dollars; the necessary outlay of from five to seven thousand dollars to provide the buildings at Oxford, without the ways and means of providing for it; and lastly, the removal would disturb the ancient prestige of the Grand Lodge for continuity of existence in one place and the desire to preserve, in these times, where so little is left of our ancient glory, that which is venerable for its antiquity and endeared by historic association.

GEO. W. BLOUNT,  
A. H. A. WILLIAMS,  
JOHN W. THOMPSON,  
*Committee.*

The question recurred on the following resolution, introduced at the last Annual Communication:

*"Resolved, That, hereafter, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina will hold its Grand Communications in the town of Oxford."*

Bro. W. G. Campbell demanded the yeas and nays by Lodges.

After discussion the vote was taken and the resolution was rejected. Yeas, 64; nays, 340.

Bros. T. S. Kenan, H. G. Smallbones and Wm. R. Cox were added to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and Bro. W. E. Murchison to Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions.

Bro. T. S. Kenan, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances have considered the matters of difference between Rountree Lodge, No. 243, and Temperance Lodge, No. 389, and report that the decision of the Grand Master in favor of Rountree Lodge, a copy of which was referred to your committee, settles the question at issue, according to recognized Masonic law.

Your committee respectfully report that they have examined the charges made against J. R. Brown, Master of Numa F. Reid Lodge, No. 344, and recommend that proceedings be instituted against him under Article 17 (section 2, page 40,) of the Code, made returnable to the next Annual Communication.

THOMAS S. KENAN,  
W. B. REID,

*Committee.*

Bro. D. W. Bain, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report on that subject, with the statement that it was prepared by Bro. E. S. Martin. The report was accepted, and the resolution recognizing the Grand Lodge of Victoria was adopted. [See Appendix.]

Bro. G. W. Blount, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the decision of the Grand Master relative to the right of a Mason expelled or suspended, but who has appealed to the Grand Lodge, to visit the Lodge pending the appeal, beg leave to report that in the opinion of the committee, the decision of the Grand Master is in accordance with Masonic law and usage.

EUGENE GRISSOM,  
GEO. W. BLOUNT,  
THOS. S. KENAN,  
WM. R. COX,  
H. G. SMALLBONES,

*Committee.*

Bro. R. A. Draughon, from the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Books and Report, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

We have carefully examined the books and report of the Grand Secretary and find them correct.

We respectfully recommend that the Grand Lodge concur in the suggestions of the Grand Secretary in his report in respect to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

CALVIN COX,

ROBERT A. DRAUGHON,

*Committee.*

Bro. W. P. Williams, Grand Lecturer, submitted his report, which was read and accepted.

On motion of Bro. Monroe Oliver, Clinton Lodge, No. 107, was given permission to apply to Roman Eagle Lodge, No. 122, Danville, Va., for pecuniary aid in recovering from losses by a recent fire.

On motion of Bro. E. S. Martin, the report of the Committee on the Orphan Asylum, which would be submitted this afternoon at 3 o'clock, was made the special order for that hour.

Bro. A. J. Blair introduced the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence :

*Resolved*, That the law leaving elective offices vacant until a regular election be repealed, and the Grand Master have power to grant a dispensation for election.

The Committee on Jurisprudence subsequently reported that the resolution was unnecessary, as in all proper cases the Grand Master could exercise the prerogative of ordering an election. The report was adopted.

Bro. A. H. A. Williams introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

WHEREAS, The Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, in the construction of the Oxford and Clarksville Railroad, took some land belonging to this Grand Lodge;

*Resolved*, That the Grand Master and Bro. B. F. Dixon be appointed a committee to adjust the matter, and execute a deed for the land taken on account of the said Oxford and Clarksville Railroad.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, January 9th, 1889.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

The proceedings of this morning's session were read and approved.

Bro. W. E. Moore, from the Committee No. 3, on Returns of Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Your Committee No. 3, on Proceedings and Returns, beg leave to report that they have examined the returns of the following Lodges, and have found them correct:

Falling Creek, No. 325; Mattamuskeet, No. 328; Fayetteville, No. 329; Black Creek, No. 330; Bayboro, No. 331; Lock's Creek, No. 333; Ionic, No. 337; Harmony, No. 340; Mt. Mourne, No. 347; Durham, No. 352; Moravian, No. 353; Double Shoal, No. 356; East La Port, No. 358; Mt. Vernon, No. 359; Mayon, No. 360; Craighead, No. 366; Mt. Pisgah, No. 368; Air Line, No. 369; Elk, No. 373; State Line, No. 375; Youngville, No. 377; Seaboard, No. 378; Granville, No. 380; Shawnee, No. 382; Reidsville, No. 384; Scottsville, No. 385; Pigeon River, No. 386; Kedron, No. 387; Temperance, No. 389; Copeland, No. 390; White Rock, No. 392; Lebanon, No. 391; Tally Ho, No. 393; Cape Fear, No. 394; Orient, No. 395; Bald Creek, No. 397; Conoho, No. 399; Joppa, No. 401; Dobson, No. 402; Siler City, No. 403; Farmers, No. 404; Ivy, No. 406; Liberty Grove, No. 407; Bula, No. 409, and Asheville, No. 410.

The following are correct after being corrected by Grand Secretary: Rock Spring, No. 341; N. F. Reid, No. 344; Mars Hill, No. 370; Coharie, No. 379; Oxford, No. 396, and University, No. 408.

The following without seal: Hickory, No. 343; Mooresboro, No. 388; Snow, No. 363; Center, No. 398; Newfound, No. 400, and Trap Hill, No. 346.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. MOORE,  
W. L. GRIMMER,  
T. T. HOLLAND,

*Committee.*

Bro. E. S. Martin, from the Committee on the Orphan Asylum, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina ;*

The Committee on the Orphan Asylum, to which was referred that part of the Address of the Grand Master relating to the Orphan Asylum and the Report of the Superintendent, submit: That they cordially endorse the sentiments so admirably expressed by the Grand Master, and hope and expect that the craft will give heed to his counsel.

That they have considered with pride and satisfaction the able and most excellent report of the Superintendent, and congratulate this Grand Body and the State of North Carolina upon the judicious, admirable and exemplary manner in which the affairs of that institution have been conducted by its conscientious, intelligent and faithful Superintendent.

The committee regret that the Board of Directors have held no meeting at the Asylum during the past year, and made no report, and call their attention to the law, which provides for meetings of the board.

The committee recommend that the report of the Superintendent be received and adopted; and after careful consideration of his suggestion in regard to the appointment of an advisory board, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Directors shall meet at the Orphan Asylum during the week preceding each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to hear the reports of the Superintendent and Advisory Board hereinafter provided for, examine all matters appertaining to the management of the Asylum, and prepare and make a report to the ensuing Communication of the Grand Lodge. That the Board of Directors shall also meet at other times and places at the call of the Grand Master.

*Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of three, who shall be Masons in good standing and citizens of the county of Granville, shall be appointed by the Grand Master at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to constitute an advisory board to aid and assist the Superintendent in the discharge of his duties. Said Board shall meet at the call of the Superintendent and consider all matters relating to the Asylum, examine and audit all reports, books and accounts of the Superintendent monthly, and exercise a general supervision of the management and control of the Asylum and authorize changes in the management. Said board shall meet with the Board of Directors at their annual meeting at the Asylum and present to the Directors a report of all their proceedings and recommendations for the information of the Directors. A record shall be kept of all meetings and proceedings of the Advisory Board, and submitted to the Directors.

The committee further recommend that the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated for the expenses of the Asylum for the present fiscal year.

The committee suggest to the brethren who own farms to plant broom-corn in places where the same can be raised and matured for brooms and sent to the Asylum to be used for the manufacture of brooms.



The committee further believe it would be wise for the Grand Lodge to adopt some plan for the certainty of an endowment fund for the Asylum.

E. S. MARTIN,  
W. F. BEASLEY,  
R. T. STEPHENSON,  
A. J. BLAIR,  
M. L. WINSTON,

*Committee.*

Bro. J. G. Ramsay was, at his request, excused from service on the Committee on Appeals, and Bro. J. D. Glenn was appointed in his place.

Bro. Eugene Grissom was, at his request, excused from service on the Committee on Necrology, and Bro. W. A. Darden was appointed in his place.

Bro. Eugene Grissom introduced the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

*Resolved*, That, in consideration of the fact that Bro. W. F. Beasley has, for several years past, been diligent in securing kind remembrances of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and has extended many valuable presents each year to the children at the Asylum, the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. Beasley and a suitable testimonial be presented to him.

Bro. W. E. Murchison, from Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions, submitted a report, which was read :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Your committee, to whom has been referred a number of cases of suspensions and expulsions, beg leave to report in detail, as follows:

1. In the case of Hatcher Lodge, No. 310, *vs.* Wesley Boykin, the specifications being in effect for habitual drunkenness, your committee recommend that the action of the Lodge be sustained and the sentence affirmed.

2. In the case of Fellowship Lodge, No. 84, *vs.* Simeon Massey, the charge being for larceny, your committee recommend that the action of the Lodge be disapproved and the sentence vacated.

3. In the case of Farmington Lodge, No. 265, *vs.* S. C. Rich, for disobeying a lawful summons, the committee recommend that the action of the Lodge be not approved, it appearing that the summons to him was to show cause why he should not be excluded for non-payment of dues. In the opinion of your committee, the sentence is too severe and should be modified.

4. In the case of Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 157, *vs.* M. S. Thompson, for habitual drunkenness, your committee are of opinion that the evidence does not fully sustain the charge and specifications, and therefore recommend that the sentence be reversed.

5. In the case of Webster Lodge, No. 222, *vs.* Rufus Hunnicutt, your committee find the record so imperfect as to afford them no light upon the evidence supporting the charge against the accused, and therefore recommend that the action of the Lodge be not approved, and that the case be referred back to said Lodge to the end that a new trial be had according to Masonic usages, ceremonies, forms and laws.

6. Concord Lodge, No. 58, *vs.* L. L. Staton, presents for the consideration of the committee questions, which they are scarcely able to determine. The evidence shows that the accused, under strong provocation, raised his hand in anger and struck a brother Master Mason. The accused pleaded justification and at the same time professed penitence. The accused was indefinitely suspended. Your committee, therefore, report the facts to your Honorable Body without recommendation.

7. Concord Lodge, No. 58, *vs.* E. D. Foxhall, presents to your committee a case of habitual drunkenness according to the charge, specifications and evidence, and they recommend that the sentence of the Lodge be affirmed and its action approved.

8. In the case of Joppa Lodge, No. 401, *vs.* A. M. Kirkland, your Committee are of the opinion that the sentence is too severe, especially in view of the fact that the accused pleaded guilty and begged the mercy of the Lodge. Charity being one of the cardinal virtues of Masonry, your committee, speaking from the transcript, are of opinion that the Lodge should have exercised more toward the offending brother and dealt with him more leniently. They, therefore, recommend a modification of the sentence, which was indefinite suspension.

9. In the case of Franklin Lodge, No. 109, *vs.* George W. Charlotte, your committee find that the whole difficulty mentioned in the transcript is tinged with politics, and for that reason requires more than ordinary care in determining. Charges were preferred against the accused for the publication of a card, the matter in which is alleged to be defamatory, libelous and false. At the trial it appears that few members of the Lodge were present. The committee, then, believing the matter to be weighty and of great importance, report the facts with the transcript and card to your Most Honorable Body without recommendation.

And your committee cannot forbear, in this connection, to call attention to the fact that not a single transcript shows upon its face that *all* the brethren of the respective Lodges were notified of the special communications at which the trials above named were had. The law requires that such should appear, and your committee report the omission for what it is worth.

Fraternally submitted,

E. F. LAMB,  
W. E. MURCHISON,  
*Committee.*

The case of Farmington Lodge, No. 265, *vs.* S. C. Rich, was recommitted to the committee for a specified modified sentence.

On motion of Bro. John W. Cotten, the action of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 157, *vs.* M. S. Thompson, was sustained.

On motion of Bro. Eugene Grissom, the action of Concord Lodge, No. 58, *vs.* L. L. Staton, was reversed.

The action of Joppa Lodge, No. 401, *vs.* A. M. Kirkland, was sustained.

On motion of Bro. L. A. Potter, the case of Franklin Lodge, No. 109, *vs.* G. W. Charlotte, was recommitted to the committee for further consideration.

Bro. J. A. Leach, from Committee No. 1, on Suspensions and Expulsions, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Your Committee No. 1, on Suspensions and Expulsions, to whom were referred the following cases, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined all the papers in each case, and recommend that the judgment of the Subordinate Lodges be affirmed, to-wit:

Fair Bluff Lodge, No. 190, *vs.* P. H. Robins; sentence, indefinite suspension.

Fair Bluff Lodge, No. 190, *vs.* Michael Dowling; sentence, indefinite suspension.

East La Port Lodge, No. 358, *vs.* Baxter Hooper; sentence, expulsion.

Seaboard Lodge, No. 378, *vs.* J. W. Duke; sentence, indefinite suspension.

Seaboard Lodge, No. 378, *vs.* A. R. Covington; sentence, indefinite suspension.

Eureka Lodge, No. 317, *vs.* Joseph Salamonsky. We approve the action of Lodge, in restoring the brother to membership.

JAMES A. LEACH,  
A. H. A. WILLIAMS,  
A. J. ELLINGTON,

*Committee.*

Bro. Bernice Walker, from Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Your Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions, to whom were referred the following cases, beg leave to report that we carefully examined all the papers in each case, namely: from Buffalo Lodge, No. 172. In the case of Bro. A. E. Kelly and Bro. A. H. Bobbitt, who were expelled, the action should not be sustained, but that both cases should be remanded, to the end that said brethren have a new trial; that the record fails to state in what degree the Lodge was opened when the charges were brought and when the cases were tried.

Respectfully submitted,

B. WALKER, *for Committee.*

Bro. W. E. Murchison introduced the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie over one day under the Code :

*Resolved*, That, from and after the expiration of this Annual Communication, the provision of law requiring the appointment of the Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions be stricken from the Code, and that section *five* of article *thirteen* of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge be repealed. Nothing herein contained shall affect the right of appeal.

Bro. W. H. Chadbourn, from the special committee on so much of the Grand Master's Address as relates to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master relating to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, beg leave to report, that they have carefully considered this subject, and, in the light of their own past experience and the testimony of Past Grand Masters, recommend as follows :

*First.* That this Grand Jurisdiction shall be divided into eight districts, so arranged as to make, as near as possible, all Lodges accessible, and the Grand Master shall appoint a Past Master residing in each district as District Deputy Grand Master, who shall have in his district the authority of Deputy Grand Master, and whose duty it shall be to visit all Lodges in his jurisdiction at least once a year, to exemplify the work and instruct. The District Deputies shall serve without pay, but the Grand Lodge shall pay their actual traveling expenses in visiting each Lodge once a year; but when visits are made at other times on request of Lodges, their expenses shall be paid by Lodges so requesting. The said District Deputy Grand Masters shall make a report to the Grand Master at least one month before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

*Second.* That one Grand Lecturer shall be appointed, who shall at all times be ready to respond to the call of any District Deputy Grand Master to exemplify the work, and who shall instruct the District Deputy Grand Masters in the true work, in order that it may be uniform in all Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge shall compensate the Grand Lecturer for his services, but his expenses incurred in visiting a Lodge on the request of a Lodge shall be paid by the Lodge so requesting.

All laws or clauses of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

W. H. CHADBOURN,  
JAMES D. GLENN,  
G. W. BLOUNT,  
J. G. NICHOLS,  
JOHN W. THOMPSON,

*Committee.*

On motion of Bro. W. E. Murchison, it was ordered that a committee of five be appointed to assist the Grand Master in arranging the districts provided for in the foregoing report.

The Grand Master subsequently appointed this committee, as follows :

Bros: Eugene Grissom, F. H. Busbee, W. R. Cox, D. W. Bain and W. E. Anderson.

Bros. E. B. Jones, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was adopted, except so much as refers to the case of Bro. J. D. Hunt, from Trap Hill Lodge, No. 346, which was remanded for a new trial :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to submit the following report:

In J. W. Beryman's appeal from Buffalo Lodge, No. 172. Charge: Drunkenness. Judgment indefinite suspension. We recommend that cause be remanded and accused be granted a new trial, because it does not appear from transcript in what degree the Lodge was working when action was taken, and because there was no legal notice (with charges specified) served on accused.

In J. D. Hunt's appeal from Trap Hill Lodge, No. 346. Charge: Unmasonic conduct and drunkenness. Judgment expulsion. Your committee recommend that judgment be reversed, for the reason that summons is illegal, not having seal of Lodge and not specifying charges as required by Code, and for the further reason that it appears in evidence returned with appeal that the Lodge commenced the trial an hour earlier than time indicated in summons.



From facts developed in the case, your committee believes that J. D. Hunt should be dimitted.

In cases on appeal of Geo. W. Williamson, H. F. Brandon and J. C. Griffith, all of Clinton Lodge, No. 107. Your committee find no transcripts sent up from Lodge, but numerous memorials, petitions and letters to Grand Master, and a copy of trials; but your committee does not feel authorized to act on so grave a matter upon parol evidence and transcripts not signed by the Secretary. We, therefore, recommend the dismissal of the appeals, and we are of the opinion that the condition of the Lodge is such that the Grand Lodge should appoint a committee with full power to hear and determine all matters of dispute and charges preferred by different members of Clinton Lodge against each other.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. RAMSAY,  
A. J. BLAIR,  
E. B. JONES,  
J. D. GLENN,  
E. ROPER,

*Committee.*

Bro. W. E. Murchison, from the Committee No. 2, on Suspensions and Expulsions, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Your Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions, reporting on case of Franklin Lodge, No. 109, *vs.* George W. Charlotte, recommend that the transcript of the trial in the subordinate Lodge be remanded, with instructions to eliminate from the record all that part which partakes of a political character, and certify same to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication.

E. F. LAMB,  
W. E. MURCHISON,

*Committee.*

Bro. William Simpson, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Your committee to whom were submitted the books and vouchers of William E. Anderson, Grand Treasurer, have carefully examined the same, and find them correct in every particular.

Referring to so much of the Grand Treasurer's report as relates to "the constantly increasing balance against the Grand Treasurer, on account of excess of expenditures over receipts," which has been growing year by year, your com-

mittee respectfully suggest that the matter be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, as it involves a change in the law of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SIMPSON,

A. N. CAMPBELL,

H. M. COWAN,

*Committee.*

The Grand Lecturers were requested to exemplify the work after the election of Grand Officers this evening.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, January 9th, 1889.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

The proceedings of this afternoon's session were read and approved.

On motion of Bro. Eugene Grissom, fifty dollars were appropriated to carry out the purpose of the resolution adopted this afternoon providing for a testimonial for Bro. W. F. Beasley.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, Bros. W. E. Murchison and J. B. McCormick acting as tellers.

The following were elected :

SAMUEL H. SMITH.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
HEZEKIAH A. GUDGER.....	<i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
JOHN W. COTTEN.....	<i>Senior Grand Warden.</i>
FRANCIS M. MOYE.....	<i>Junior Grand Warden.</i>
WILLIAM E. ANDERSON.....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
DONALD W. BAIN.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

The term of Bro. Thomas S. Kenan, as Director of the Orphan Asylum, having expired, the Grand Lodge pro-

ceeded to the election of a Director for the term of five years. Bro. Thomas S. Kenan was elected.

Bro. F. H. Busbee introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to receive from Eno Lodge, No. 210, Durham, fifty-nine dollars and fifty cents in full of its dues to the Grand Lodge.

Bro. G. W. Blount, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, which was postponed for consideration until to-morrow morning:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

The Committee on Jurisprudence have considered so much of the Grand Treasurer's report as refers to the deficiency of the revenue of the Grand Lodge, and recommend that, in order to meet said deficiency Section I, Article II, of the By-Laws be amended by striking out in line two the word "fifty" and insert "sixty," so that the line will read, "shall be sixty cents per capita annually, for each member reported on the annual returns."

GEO. W. BLOUNT,  
EUGENE GRISSOM,  
WM. R. COX,  
H. G. SMALLBONES,  
*Committee.*

On motion of Bro. J. D. Glenn, the vote by which the report of the committee on the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters was adopted was reconsidered. A verbal amendment was made and the report was adopted.

Bro. J. A. Leach moved that a committee of three be appointed to provide for the installation of the Grand Officers to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The motion prevailed, and Bros. J. A. Leach, J. D. Glenn and A. W. Wood were appointed the committee.

The work in the Master Mason's degree was exemplified by Bros. B. W. Hatcher, D. M. Stott, W. P. Williams and R. A. Draughton, Grand Lecturers.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

## THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, January 10th, 1889.

**T**HE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:30 o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

The proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

Bro. J. A. Leach, from the committee to provide for the installation of the Grand Officers, reported that Past Grand Master William R. Cox would perform that ceremony.

Bro. C. E. Houston, from Committee No. 2, on Returns of Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Your Committee No. 2, on Proceedings and Returns beg leave to submit the following report:

We have found the returns of the following Lodges correct:

George Washington, No. 174; Pollokville, No. 175; Siloam, No. 178; Sandy Creek, No. 185; Mecklenburg, No. 176; Eureka, No. 283; Sapona, No. 280; Rehoboth, No. 279; Beaver Dam, No. 276; Tabasco, No. 271; Unaka; No. 268; Durbin, No. 266; Farmington, No. 265; Hibriten, No. 262; Excelsior, No. 261; Waynesville, No. 259; Lily Valley, No. 252; Rockford, No. 251; Pythagoras, No. 249; Rountree, No. 243; Cokesbury, No. 235; Atlantic, No. 238; Lenoir, No. 233; Gunter, No. 232; W. T. Bain, No. 231; Corinthian, No. 230; McCormick, No. 228; Jonesville, No. 227; Webster, No. 222; Richland, No. 214; William G. Hill, No. 218; Central Cross, No. 187; Fair Bluff, No. 190; Burnsville, No. 192; Cary, No. 198; Eagle Rock, No. 201; Cleveland, No. 202; Roanoke, No. 203; Berea, No. 204; Mingo, No. 206; Edgcombe, No. 298; Beulah, No. 257; Haruett, No. 258; Greenville, No. 284; Flat Creek, No. 285; Castalia, No. 286; Salem, No. 289; French Broad, No. 292; Stonewall, No. 296; Evergreen, No. 303; Pleasant Hill, No. 304; Laurinburg, No. 305; Galatia, No. 306; Patterson, No. 307; Randolph, No. 309; Hatcher, No. 310; King Solomon, No. 313; New Lebanon, No. 314; Jerusalem, No. 315; Eureka, No. 317; Wilmington, No. 319; Se'ma, No. 320; White Hill, No. 321; Granite, No. 322; Anchor, No. 324.

The following have no Lodge seals:

Clinton, No. 107; Vance, No. 293; Hunting Creek, No. 299; Balfour, No. 188; Townesville, No. 182; Wilson, No. 226. Pine Forest, No. 186, seal out of fix.

Returns of Eno, No. 210, have no Lodge seal and time of regular Communications not given.

The following returns were found incorrect and corrected by the Grand Secretary:

Lee, No. 253; Green Level, No. 277; Mystic Tie, No. 237, and Watauga, No. 273.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. E. HOUSTON,

S. I. SUTTON,

E. G. HARRELL,

*Committee.*

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted last evening, was taken up. It was adopted, and Section 1, Article II, of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, thereby amended, is as follows:

The dues from the Subordinate Lodges to this Grand Lodge shall be sixty cents per capita annually for each member reported on the annual returns, etc.

Bro. Alfred M. Waddell, in behalf of the members of the Grand Lodge, presented, in fitting terms, to the M. W., Chas. H. Robinson, retiring Grand Master, a beautiful gold-mounted cane, to which a suitable acknowledgment was made.

Bro. M. L. Winston introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge request the Craft to give more attention to the adoptive rites for the ladies.

On motion of Bro. J. A. Leach, the hour for installation of Grand Officers was postponed until 11 o'clock this morning.

Bro. W. A. Darden, from the Committee on Necrology, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

The Committee on Necrology report:

That the year that has just passed has not been marked by any greater mortality than former years, but since our last Annual Communication, death has again visited our beloved Order and removed some of our brightest jewels.

The principles of Masonry cannot be more strongly commended than by the



example of some of our departed brethren, who so nobly exemplified them in their lives and in their conduct.

We pay this humble tribute of love to their memories, and will ever cherish in our heart of hearts the fondest remembrance of their virtues.

W. A. DARDEN,  
W. G. CAMPBELL,  
J. B. MACRAE,  
J. J. ADKINS,

*Committee.*

Bro. C. P. Jerome, from Committee No. 1 on Returns, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

Committee No. 1 on Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the returns of the following Lodges and find them correct:

St. John's, No. 1; St. John's, No. 3; Unanimity, No. 7; American George, No. 17; Stokes, No. 32; Davie, No. 39; Hiram, No. 40; Eagle, No. 71; Widow's Son, No. 75; Greensboro, No. 76; Zion, No. 81; Fellowship, No. 84; Morning Star, No. 85; Skewarkey, No. 90; Western Star, No. 91; Joseph Warren, No. 92; St. John's, No. 96; Wake Forest, No. 97; Fulton, No. 99; Franklin, No. 109; Holly Spring, No. 115; Mount Lebanon, No. 117; Franklinton, No. 123; Mill Creek, No. 125; Hanks, No. 128; Mocksville, No. 134; King Solomon, No. 138; Carolina, No. 141; Mount Vernon, No. 143; Junaluskee, No. 145; Chalmers, No. 151; Scotch-Ireland, No. 154; Rolesville, No. 156; Mount Pleasant, No. 157; Knap of Reeds, No. 158; Archer, No. 165; Blackmer, No. 170; Orr, No. 104; Adoniram, No. 149.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. JEROME,  
J. G. COOLEY,  
J. K. PEACOCK,  
*Committee.*

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the installation of Grand Officers was announced as the special order.

The Grand Master-elect announced his appointments.

The Grand Officers were installed by M. W., William R. Cox, Past Grand Master, R. W., Bro. Eugene Grissom, Past Deputy Grand Master, acting as Grand Marshal, as follows :

## ELECTED OFFICERS:

SAMUEL H. SMITH .....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
HEZEKIAH A. GUDGER .....	<i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
JOHN W. COTTEN .....	<i>Senior Grand Warden.</i>
FRANCIS M. MOYE .....	<i>Junior Grand Warden.</i>
WILLIAM E. ANDERSON .....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
DONALD W. BAIN .....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>

## APPOINTED OFFICERS:

FRANK L. REID .....	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
EUGENE S. MARTIN .....	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
NATHANIEL S. WILSON .....	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
ENOCH F. LAMB .....	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
WALTER E. MOORE .....	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
JAMES K. PEACOCK .....	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
LOGAN M. TOTTEN .....	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
HENRY M. COWAN .....	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
ROBERT H. BRADLEY .....	<i>Grand Tiler.</i>

The resolution introduced by Bro. W. E. Murchison yesterday afternoon, to repeal section five of Article thirteen of the Code, was taken up and adopted.

The following standing committees were announced for the ensuing year:

*On Jurisprudence:*

Bros. Wm. R. Cox, Eugene Grissom, Geo. W. Blount, C. H. Robinson and F. H. Busbee.

*On Propositions and Grievances:*

Bros. J. B. MacRae, W. B. Reid and W. H. McLaurin.

*On Foreign Correspondence:*

Bros. Eugene S. Martin, Donald W. Bain and H. T. Balnson.

*On Orphan Asylum:*

Bros. J. W. Hays, W. G. Campbell, M. L. Winston, W. H. Mitchell and R. T. Stephenson.

*On Printing:*

Bros. Wm. E. Anderson, Donald W. Bain and John W. Thompson.

*On Credentials:*

Bros. C. E. Houston, R. A. Draughon and J. R. Brown.

The following committee to assist the Grand Master in the formation of Deputy Grand Master's Districts was appointed:

Bros. Eugene Grissom, F. H. Busbee, W. R. Cox, D. W. Bain and W. E. Anderson.

On motion of Bro. J. W. Cotten, the Grand Secretary was authorized to purchase one copy each of certain works on Masonic Jurisprudence for the Grand Lodge library.

On motion of Bro. H. A. Gudger, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered to the authorities of transportation lines that had extended the courtesy of reduced rates to members of this Grand Body.

The Grand Lodge having concluded its labors, the proceedings of to-day's session were read and approved.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 12 o'clock and 15 minutes P. M.

SAMUEL H. SMITH,

ATTEST:

*Grand Master.*

DONALD W. BAIN, *Grand Secretary.*



## LODGES

### UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
St. John's .....	1	Wilmington .....	New Hanover.
Royal White Hart .....	2	Halifax .....	Halifax.
St. John's .....	3	New Berne .....	Craven.
Charity .....	5	Windsor .....	Bertie.
Unanimity .....	7	Edenton .....	Chowan.
Phoenix .....	8	Fayetteville .....	Cumberland.
American George .....	17	Murfreesboro .....	Hertford.
Phalanx .....	31	Charlotte .....	Mecklenburg.
Stokes .....	32	Concord .....	Cabarrus.
Davie .....	39	Roxobel .....	Bertie.
Hiram .....	40	Raleigh .....	Wake.
Hall .....	53	Indian Town .....	Currituck.
King Solomon .....	56	Jackson .....	Northampton.
Concord .....	58	Tarboro .....	Edgecombe.
Kilwinning .....	64	Wadesboro .....	Anson.
Eagle .....	71	Hillsboro .....	Orange.
Golden Fleece .....	74	Milton .....	Caswell.
Widow's Son .....	75	Camden C. H. ....	Camden.
Greensboro .....	76	Greensboro .....	Guilford.
Zion .....	81	Trenton .....	Jones.
LaFayette .....	83	Jacksonville .....	Onslow.
Fellowship .....	84	Smithfield .....	Johnston.
Morning Star .....	85	Nashville .....	Nash.
Skewarkey .....	90	Williamston .....	Martin.
Western Star .....	91	Rutherfordton .....	Rutherford.
Joseph Warren .....	92	Moyton .....	Wilson.
Jerusalem .....	95	Hookerton .....	Greene.
St. John's .....	96	Kinston .....	Lenoir.
Wake Forest .....	97	Neuse .....	Wake.
Hiram .....	98	Clinton .....	Sampson.
Fulton .....	99	Salisbury .....	Rowan.
Orr .....	104	Washington .....	Beaufort.
Perquimans .....	106	Hertford .....	Perquimans.
Clinton .....	107	Yanceyville .....	Caswell.
Belmont .....	108	Faison .....	Duplin.
Franklin .....	109	Beaufort .....	Carteret.
Wayne .....	112	Goldsboro .....	Wayne.
Holly Spring .....	115	Holly Spring .....	Wake.
Mount Lebanon .....	117	Wilson .....	Wilson.



LODGES—*Continued.*

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Mount Hermon .....	118	Asheville .....	Buncombe.
Franklinton .....	123	Franklinton .....	Franklin.
Mill Creek .....	125	Newton Grove .....	Sampson.
Blackmer .....	127	Mount Gilead .....	Montgomery.
Hanks .....	128	Franklinsville .....	Randolph.
Mocksville .....	134	Mocksville .....	Davie.
Lincoln .....	137	Lincolnton .....	Lincoln.
King Solomon .....	138	Burgaw .....	Pender.
Mount Energy .....	140	Mount Energy .....	Granville.
Carolina .....	141	Ansonville .....	Anson.
Mount Vernon .....	143	Ore Hill .....	Chatham.
Junaluskee .....	145	Franklin .....	Macon.
Palmyra .....	147	Dunn .....	Harnett.
Adoniram .....	149	Young's Cross-Roads .....	Granville.
Chalmers .....	151	Carbonton .....	Moore.
Scotch-Ireland .....	154	Cleveland .....	Rowan.
White Stone .....	155	Wakefield .....	Wake.
Rolesville .....	156	Rolesville .....	Wake.
Mount Pleasant .....	157	Rogers' Store .....	Wake.
Knap of Reeds .....	158	Knap of Reeds .....	Granville.
Rock Rest .....	161	Hadley's Mills .....	Chatham.
Yadkin .....	162	Yadkinville .....	Yadkin.
Deep River .....	164	Foust's Mills .....	Randolph.
Archer .....	165	Archer Lodge .....	Johnston.
Winston .....	167	Winston .....	Forsyth.
Blackmer .....	170	Weaverville .....	Buncombe.
Buffalo .....	172	Jonesboro .....	Moore.
George Washington .....	174	Elm Grove .....	Chatham.
Pollokville .....	175	Pollokville .....	Jones
Mecklenburg .....	176	Davidson College .....	Mecklenburg.
Siloam .....	178	Harrell's Store .....	Sampson.
Townesville .....	182	Woodworth .....	Vance.
Sandy Creek .....	185	Stallings .....	Franklin.
Pine Forest .....	186	Swann's Station (Moore) .....	Harnett.
Central Cross .....	187	Hunt's .....	Nash.
Balfour .....	188	Asheboro .....	Randolph.
Fair Bluff .....	190	Fair Bluff .....	Columbus.
Granite .....	191	Clayton .....	Johnston.
Burnsville .....	192	Burnsville .....	Yancey.
Cary .....	198	Cary .....	Wake.
Eagle Rock .....	201	Eagle Rock .....	Wake.
Cleveland .....	202	Shelby .....	Cleveland.
Roanoke .....	203	Weldon .....	Halifax.
Berea .....	204	Oxford .....	Granville.
Mingo .....	206	Bass .....	Sampson.
Lebanon .....	207	Whiteville .....	Columbus.
Randleman .....	209	Randleman .....	Randolph.
Richland .....	214	Thomasville .....	Davidson.
William G. Hill .....	218	Raleigh .....	Wake.
Webster .....	222	Elevation .....	Johnston.
Wilson .....	226	Olin .....	Iredell.

LODGES—*Continued.*

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
*Jonesville .....	227	Elkin (Surry) .....	Yadkin.
McCormick .....	228	Broadway .....	Moore.
Corinthian .....	230	Rocky Mount .....	Nash.
William T. Bain .....	231	Banks .....	Wake.
Gunter .....	232	Haywood .....	Chatham.
Lenoir .....	233	LaGrange .....	Lenoir.
Anchor .....	234	Auburn .....	Wake.
Cokesbury .....	235	May .....	Harnett.
Mystic Tie .....	237	Marión .....	McDowell.
Atlantic .....	238	Currituck C. H. .....	Currituck.
*Rountree .....	243	Bell's Ferry (Pitt) .....	Lenoir.
Monroe .....	244	Monroe .....	Union.
Pythagoras .....	249	Southport .....	Brunswick.
Rockford .....	251	Rockford .....	Surry.
Lily Valley .....	252	Sunbury .....	Gates.
Lee .....	253	Taylorsville .....	Alexander.
Beulah .....	257	Bagley .....	Johnston.
Harnett .....	258	Winslow .....	Harnett.
Waynesville .....	259	Waynesville .....	Haywood.
Excelsior .....	261	Charlotte .....	Mecklenburg.
Hibriten .....	262	Lenoir .....	Caldwell.
Farmington .....	265	Farmington .....	Davie.
Durbin .....	266	Blockers .....	Cumberland.
Dunn's Rock .....	267	Brevard .....	Transylvania.
Unaka .....	268	Webster .....	Jackson.
Tabasco .....	271	Gibsonville .....	Guilford.
Watauga .....	273	Boone .....	Watauga.
Beaver Dam .....	276	Beaver Dam .....	Union.
Green Level .....	277	Green Level .....	Wake.
Colesville (Stokes Co.) .....	278	Stuart .....	Patrick Co., Va.
Rehobóth .....	279	Teachy's .....	Duplin
Sapona .....	280	Tysor's Mills .....	Chatham.
Eureka .....	283	China Grove .....	Rowan.
Greenville .....	284	Greenville .....	Pitt.
Flat Creek .....	285	Fall Creek .....	Chatham.
Castalia .....	286	Castalia .....	Nash.
Salem .....	289	Salem .....	Forsyth.
French Broad .....	292	Marshall .....	Madison.
Vance .....	293	Democrat .....	Buncombe.
Atlantic .....	294	Swan Quarter .....	Hyde.
Stonewall .....	296	Robersonville .....	Martin.
Edgecombe .....	298	Toisnot .....	Wilson.
Hunting Creek .....	299	Eagle Mills .....	Iredell.
Pamlico .....	300	Aurora .....	Beaufort.
Clay .....	301	Hayesville .....	Clay.
*Evergreen .....	303	Swann's Station (Moore) .....	Harnett.
*Pleasant Hill .....	304	Kinston (Lenoir) .....	Jones.
Laurinburg .....	305	Laurinburg .....	Richmond.
Galatia .....	306	Fayetteville .....	Cumberland.
Patterson .....	307	Mount Pleasant .....	Cabarrus.

LODGES—*Continued.*

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Randolph .....	309	Ophir .....	Randolph.
Hatcher .....	310	Wilson .....	Wilson.
Notla .....	312	England's Point .....	Cherokee.
King Solomon .....	313	Lumber Bridge .....	Robeson.
New Lebanon .....	314	South Mills .....	Camden.
Jerusalem .....	315	Jerusalem .....	Davie.
Eureka .....	317	Elizabeth City .....	Pasquotank.
Wilmington .....	319	Wilmington .....	New Hanover.
Selma .....	320	Selma .....	Johnston.
White Hill .....	321	Greenwood .....	Moore.
Granite .....	322	Mount Airy .....	Surry.
Falling Creek .....	325	Mount Olive .....	Wayne.
Winton .....	327	Winton .....	Hertford.
Mattamuskeet .....	328	Lake Landing .....	Hyde.
Fayetteville .....	329	Fayetteville .....	Cumberland.
Black Creek .....	330	Black Creek .....	Wilson.
Bayboro .....	331	Bayboro .....	Pamlico.
Lock's Creek .....	333	Fayetteville .....	Cumberland.
Ashpole .....	335	Plainview .....	Robeson.
Ionic .....	337	Kittrell .....	Vance.
Palmyra .....	338	Palmyra .....	Halifax.
Fair View .....	339	King's Mountain .....	Cleveland.
Harmony .....	340	Pikeville .....	Wayne.
Rock Spring .....	341	Denver .....	Lincoln.
Cedar Fork .....	342	Morrisville .....	Wake.
Hickory .....	343	Hickory .....	Catawba.
Numa F. Reid .....	344	High Point .....	Guilford.
Trap Hill .....	346	Trap Hill .....	Wilkes.
Mount Mourne .....	347	Mount Mourne .....	Iredell.
Stanly .....	348	Albemarle .....	Stanly.
Durham .....	352	Durham .....	Durham.
Moravian .....	353	Moravian Falls .....	Wilkes.
Dellaplane .....	355	Dellaplane .....	Wilkes.
Double Shoal .....	356	Cleveland Mills .....	Cleveland.
Bakersville .....	357	Bakersville .....	Mitchell.
East La Port .....	358	East La Port .....	Jackson.
Mount Vernon .....	359	Stonewall .....	Pamlico.
Mayon .....	360	Ammon .....	Bladen.
Iredell .....	362	Mooreville .....	Iredell.
Snow .....	363	Sugar Grove .....	Watauga.
Cumberland .....	364	Gray's Creek .....	Cumberland.
Craighead .....	366	Huntersville .....	Mecklenburg.
Mount Pisgah .....	368	Williams' Mill .....	Chatham.
Air-Line .....	369	Gastonia .....	Gaston.
Mars Hill .....	370	Mars Hill .....	Madison.
Olive Branch .....	371	Garner .....	Wake.
*Elk .....	373	Elk Cross Roads (Ashe) .....	Watauga.
Campbell .....	374	Troutman's .....	Iredell.
State Line .....	375	Grover .....	Cleveland.
Youngville .....	377	Youngville .....	Franklin.

LODGES—*Continued.*

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Seaboard .....	378	Seaboard .....	Northampton.
Coharie .....	379	Huntley .....	Sampson.
Granville .....	380	Grissom .....	Granville.
Forest City .....	381	Forest City .....	Rutherford.
Shawnee .....	382	Edith .....	Catawba.
Statesville .....	383	Statesville .....	Iredell.
Reidsville .....	384	Reidsville .....	Rockingham.
Scottsville .....	385	Furches .....	Ashe.
Pigeon River .....	386	Pigeon River .....	Haywood.
Kedron .....	387	Hendersonville .....	Henderson.
Mooresboro .....	388	Mooresboro .....	Cleveland.
Temperance .....	389	Coxville .....	Pitt.
Copeland .....	390	Copeland .....	Surry.
Lebanon .....	391	Fayetteville .....	Cumberland.
White Rock .....	392	White Rock .....	Madison.
Tally Ho .....	393	Tally Ho .....	Granville.
Cape Fear .....	394	Little River Academy .....	Cumberland.
Orient .....	395	Wilmington .....	New Hanover.
Oxford .....	396	Oxford .....	Granville.
Bald Creek .....	397	Briggsville .....	Yancey.
Centre .....	398	Alexander .....	Buncombe.
Conoho .....	399	Hamilton .....	Martin.
Newfound .....	400	Leicester .....	Buncombe.
Joppa .....	401	Old Fort .....	McDowell.
Dobson .....	402	Dobson .....	Surry.
Siler City .....	403	Siler City .....	Chatham.
Farmer's .....	404	Farmer's .....	Randolph.
Ocean .....	405	Morehead City .....	Carteret.
Ivy .....	406	Paint Fork .....	Madison.
Liberty Grove .....	407	Dockery .....	Wilkes.
University .....	408	Chapel Hill .....	Orange.
Bula .....	409	Burlington .....	Alamance.
Asheville .....	410	Asheville .....	Buncombe.
Rockville .....	411	Stanhope .....	Nash.
Henry F. Grainger .....	412	Dabney .....	Vance.
Royal .....	413	Royal .....	Franklin.*
Wilton .....	414	Wilton .....	Granville.
Oak Grove .....	415	Purlear .....	Wilkes.
Bellview .....	416	Cobbs .....	Cherokee.
Maxton .....	417	Maxton .....	Robeson.

\*The names in parenthesis indicate the county in which the post-office of the Lodge is located.

## STATEMENT

### OF THE TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS OF LODGES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The asterisk (\*) before certain Lodges indicates that the dates of regular Communications are taken from last returns received previous to the year 1888.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
St. John's.....	1	Second Tuesday in each month.
St. John's.....	3	Second Wednesday evening.
Charity.....	5	First Monday, June 24, December 27.
Unanimity.....	7	First Tuesday evening, June 24, December 27.
Phoenix.....	8	First and third Friday evenings.
American George ..	17	First Saturday evening.
Phalanx.....	31	Second and fourth Monday.
Stokes.....	32	Monday night on or before full moon.
Davie.....	39	Friday before third Sunday.
Hiram.....	40	Third Monday evening, December 27.
Hall.....	53	First Saturday.
King Solomon.....	56	First Saturday.
Concord.....	58	First and third Friday evening.
Kilwinning.....	64	First Monday night, June 24, December 27.
Eagle.....	71	Friday evening on or before full moon, Tuesday evening of Superior Court.
Golden Fleece.....	74	First Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Widow's Son.....	75	Third Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Greensboro.....	76	Second and fourth Friday.
Zion.....	81	Third Saturday.
LaFayette.....	83	Third Saturday.
Fellowship.....	84	Second Saturday, Tuesday evening of Courts.
Morning Star.....	85	Fourth Saturday.
Skewarkey.....	90	Second and fourth Tuesday evenings.
Western Star.....	91	Friday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Joseph Warren ....	92	First Thursday, at 11 A. M., and third Monday at 7:30 P. M.
Jerusalem.....	95	Second Saturday.
St. John's.....	96	Second Wednesday, June 24, December 27.
Wake Forest.....	97	Saturday before second Sunday.
Hiram.....	98	Third Friday.
Fulton.....	99	First and third Friday evenings.
Orr.....	104	First and third Tuesday evenings.
*Perquimans.....	106	First Friday evening.
Clinton.....	107	Second Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Belmont.....	108	First Saturday.
Franklin.....	109	First Monday evening.
Wayne.....	112	First and third Monday.
Holly Spring.....	115	Saturday before third Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.



NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Mount Lebanon . . .	117	First and third Monday evenings.
Mount Hermon . . .	118	First Thursday evening.
Franklinton . . .	123	Last Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Mill Creek . . .	125	First Friday.
Blackmer . . .	127	First Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M., December 27.
Hanks . . .	128	Third Saturday evening, June 24, December 27.
Mocksville . . .	134	Third Friday evening, Tuesday of Court, June 24, December 27.
King Solomon . . .	138	Second Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Mount Energy . . .	140	First Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Carolina . . .	141	Friday evening after full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Mount Vernon . . .	143	Thursday before first Sunday, and Saturday before third Sunday.
Junaluskee . . .	145	First and third Tuesday evenings.
Palmyra . . .	147	Third Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M., June 24, December 27.
Adoniram . . .	149	Saturday before second Sunday.
Chalmers . . .	151	Saturday before full moon, at 6 o'clock P. M.
Scotch-Ireland . . .	154	Friday before or on each full moon, June 24, December 27.
White Stone . . .	155	Fourth Saturday, at 11 o'clock A. M., June 24.
Rolesville . . .	156	First Saturday.
Mount Pleasant . . .	157	Saturday before first Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Knap of Reeds . . .	158	Saturday before fourth Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27, at 10 o'clock A. M.
*Rock Rest . . .	161	Second Saturday, at 3 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Yadkin . . .	162	Saturday before first full moon.
Deep River . . .	164	Saturday previous to each full moon.
Archer . . .	165	First Saturday.
Winston . . .	167	Second Monday evening, June 24, December 27.
Blackmer . . .	170	Saturday on or before each full moon, at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Buffalo . . .	172	Second Saturday evening, June 24, December 27.
George Washington . . .	174	Fourth Saturday, December 27.
Pollokville . . .	175	Second Thursday, at 11 o'clock A. M.
Mecklenburg . . .	176	Thursday on or before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Siloam . . .	178	Thursday before fourth Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Townesville . . .	182	Saturday before second Sunday.
Sandy Creek . . .	185	First Saturday.
Pine Forest . . .	186	First Saturday evening, June 24, December 27.
Central Cross . . .	187	Second Saturday, December 27.
Balfour . . .	188	Friday evening before full moon.
Fair Bluff . . .	190	Second Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M., December 27.
Granite . . .	191	Third Saturday.
Burnsville . . .	192	Saturday before full moon.
Cary . . .	198	Saturday evening before second Sunday.
Eagle Rock . . .	201	Fourth Saturday.
Cleveland . . .	202	Friday evening before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Roanoke . . .	203	First Tuesday.
Berea . . .	204	Saturday before second Sunday, June 24, December 27, at 2 o'clock P. M.
*Mingo . . .	206	First Saturday, June 24, December 27.
*Lebanon . . .	207	Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M., on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Richland .....	214	Saturday ev'ng before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
William G. Hill .....	218	Second and fourth Monday evenings.
Webster .....	222	Fourth Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Wilson .....	226	Saturday evening before full moon.
Jonesville .....	227	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
McCormick .....	228	Third Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Corinthian .....	230	First Thursday evening.
William T. Bain .....	231	Saturday before third Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Gunter .....	232	Saturday before first Sunday.
Lenoir .....	233	First Thursday.
Anchor .....	234	Second Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Cokesbury .....	235	Saturday before first Sunday.
Mystic Tie .....	237	Friday evening before full moon.
Atlantic .....	238	Fourth Saturday, December 27.
Rountree .....	243	First Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
*Monroe .....	244	First and third Friday evenings, June 24, Dec. 27.
Pythagoras .....	249	First Tuesday.
Rockford .....	251	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Lily Valley .....	252	Fourth Saturday.
Lee .....	253	First Saturday, Tuesday of Court, June 24, Dec. 27.
Beulah .....	257	Saturday before fourth Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Harnett .....	258	Friday before fourth Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Waynesville .....	259	Friday evening on or before full moon.
Excelsior .....	261	Every Tuesday evening.
Hibriten .....	262	Thursday before full moon, Tuesday of Superior Courts, June 24, December 27.
Farmington .....	265	Second Friday evening, June 24, December 27.
Durbin .....	266	Second Friday, at 11 o'clock A. M.
Dunn's Rock .....	267	Friday evening on or before full moon, at 7 o'clock.
Unaka .....	268	Friday on or before full moon, at 7 o'clock P. M.
Tabasco .....	271	Second Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Watauga .....	273	Saturday before full moon, Monday evening of Court, June 24, December 27.
Beaver Dam .....	276	Saturday on or before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Green Level .....	277	Saturday before second Sunday.
Rehoboth .....	279	Saturday before fourth Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Sapona .....	280	Fourth Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Eureka .....	283	First Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M., June 24, Dec. 27.
Greenville .....	284	First Thursday morning, and first and third Monday evenings.
Flat Creek .....	285	Saturday before second Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Castalia .....	286	Third Saturday.
Salem .....	289	First Thursday evening, June 24, December 27.
French Broad .....	292	Friday on or before full moon.
Vance .....	293	Saturday on or before full moon, at 1 o'clock P. M.
Atlantic .....	294	Second Saturday, Tuesday evening of Court.
Stonewall .....	296	Saturday before third Sunday.
Edgecombe .....	298	Saturday night before second and fourth Sundays.
Hunting Creek .....	299	Friday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Evergreen .....	303	Third Saturday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Pleasant Hill .....	304	First Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Laurinburg .....	305	Thursday on or before full moon.
Galatia .....	306	Saturday before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Patterson .....	307	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
*Randolph .....	309	Saturday on or before full moon.
Hatcher .....	310	Third Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Notla .....	312	Third Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
King Solomon ....	313	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
New Lebanon .....	314	First Friday.
Jerusalem .....	315	Friday ev'ng before first Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Eureka .....	317	First and third Monday evenings.
Wilmington .....	319	Third Tuesday evening.
Selma .....	320	Third Friday afternoon, June 24, December 27.
White Hill .....	321	Third Saturday, June 24, December 27.
Granite .....	322	First and third Tuesday evenings.
Falling Creek .....	325	Saturday before third Sunday, June 24, Dec. 27.
Winton .....	327	Saturday before fourth Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Mattamuskeet .....	328	Fourth Saturday.
Fayetteville .....	329	Second and fourth Friday.
Black Creek .....	330	Second Saturday, June 24.
Bayboro .....	331	Fourth Saturday.
Lock's Creek .....	333	Fourth Saturday, June 24, December 27.
*Ashpole .....	335	Second Saturday.
Ionic .....	337	First Wednesday evening.
*Fairview .....	339	Saturday ev'ng before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Harmony .....	340	First Thursday.
Rock Spring .....	341	Saturday on or before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
*Cedar Fork .....	342	Saturday before second Sunday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Hickory .....	343	Monday ev'ng before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Numa F. Reid. ....	344	Monday evening on or before full moon.
*Trap Hill .....	346	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Mount Mourne ....	347	Saturday before second Sunday.
Stanly .....	348	First and third Saturday evenings.
Durham .....	352	Second and fourth Tuesday evenings, June 24, December 27.
Moravian .....	353	Friday on or before full moon.
Dellaplane .....	355	Saturday on or before full moon.
Double Shoal .....	356	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Bakersville .....	357	Tuesday before full moon, Tuesday of Court, June 24, December 27.
East La Port .....	358	Saturday on or before full moon, at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
Mt. Vernon .....	359	Second Saturday.
Mayon .....	360	Third Saturday.
*Iredell .....	362	Second Friday and fourth Saturday.
Snow .....	363	Second Saturday after full moon, at 2 o'clock P. M., June 24, December 27.
*Cumberland .....	364	Saturday evening on or before full moon.
Craighead .....	366	First Saturday and Friday evening before third Sunday.
Mount Pisgah .....	368	Saturday before fourth Sunday.
Air-Line .....	369	Friday evening before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Mars Hill .....	370	Saturday on or before full moon.
*Olive Branch .....	371	Saturday before second Sunday.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	TIMES OF REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.
Elk .....	373	Saturday after each full moon, at 10 o'clock A. M., June 24, December 27.
*Campbell .....	374	First Saturday.
State Line .....	375	Saturday before full moon.
Youngville .....	377	Saturday before first Sunday, and Friday evening before third Sunday.
Seaboard .....	378	Thursday ev'ng before full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Coharie .....	379	Saturday before fourth Sunday.
Granville .....	380	Fourth Saturday afternoon, at 1 o'clock P. M.
*Forest City .....	381	Tuesday evening on or before full moon.
Shawnee .....	382	Saturday on or before full moon, at 2 o'clock P. M.
*Statesville .....	383	First and third Tuesday evenings.
Reidsville .....	384	Second and fourth Monday evenings.
Scottsville .....	385	Friday on or before full moon.
Pigeon River .....	386	Thursday ev'ng after full moon, June 24, Dec. 27.
Kedron .....	387	Friday afternoon on or before full moon.
Mooresboro .....	388	Saturday evening on or before full moon, June 24, December 27.
Temperance .....	389	Third Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Copeland .....	390	Saturday evening after full moon.
Lebanon .....	391	First Saturday evening after full moon.
White Rock .....	392	Saturday on or before full moon, at 1 o'clock P. M.
Tally Ho .....	393	Saturday before second Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Cape Fear .....	394	Fourth Saturday.
Orient .....	395	First Wednesday evening.
Oxford .....	396	First Monday evening, June 24, December 27.
Bald Creek .....	397	Saturday after full moon.
Centre .....	398	Saturday after each full moon.
Conoho .....	399	First Friday.
Newfound .....	400	Saturday on or before full moon.
Joppa .....	401	Second and fourth Saturdays, December 27.
Dobson .....	402	First Monday evening, June 24, December 27.
Siler City .....	403	Saturday evening before second Sunday, June 24, December 27.
Farmer's .....	404	First Saturday after each full moon in every month, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Ocean .....	405	Tuesday after first Monday.
Ivy .....	406	Saturday on or before each full moon, at 2 P. M.
Liberty Grove .....	407	Saturday after each full moon.
University .....	408	Friday night on or before full moon.
Bula .....	409	Third Saturday evening.
Asheville .....	410	Third Thursday.
Rockville .....	411	First Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Henry F. Grainger .....	412	Saturday before the first Sunday.
Royal .....	413	Saturday before the third Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Wilton .....	414	Third Saturday, at 1 o'clock P. M.
Oak Grove .....	415	Saturday before full moon, at 6 o'clock P. M.
Bellview .....	416	Not stated on returns.
Maxton .....	417	First Friday evening.

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St. John's	1	3	4	4	6	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	82	21	103	\$ 41 00
St. John's	3	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	1	1	49	---	49	24 50
Charity	5	8	7	5	1	---	---	1	---	1	4	8	68	2	70	33 00
Unanimity	7	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	18	19	37	9 00
Phoenix	8	6	6	6	1	---	---	---	6	2	1	---	41	27	68	21 00
American George	17	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	27	7	34	13 50
Phalanx	31	2	2	2	5	1	---	---	---	7	3	---	61	---	61	---
Stokes	32	2	2	2	2	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	33	---	33	16 50
Davie	39	1	1	6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	46	2	48	22 00
Hiram	40	3	2	2	4	1	---	---	1	1	2	---	66	16	82	33 00
Hall	53	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	40	---	40	20 00
King Solomon	56	2	1	2	2	---	1	---	4	1	1	1	56	4	60	28 00
Concord	58	---	---	5	1	1	2	---	---	---	---	---	50	---	50	25 00
Kilwinning	64	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	25	---	25	12 50
Eagle	71	2	3	3	9	---	---	1	1	---	1	---	54	---	54	26 50
Golden Fleece	74	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18	9	27	9 00
Widow's Son	75	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	28	6	34	14 00
Greensboro	76	3	3	4	5	2	---	---	12	5	1	1	53	55	108	26 50
Zion	81	2	2	3	---	---	---	---	1	2	3	2	31	3	34	15 50
LaFayette	83	2	---	---	2	13	---	---	---	---	---	---	46	---	46	23 00
Fellowship	84	1	1	1	1	---	---	1	---	1	5	1	33	10	43	16 50
Morning Star	85	5	5	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	33	16	49	---



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Skewarkey.....	90	5	7	7	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	1	26	8	34	13 00
Western Star.....	91	1	2	2	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	2	41	---	41	20 50
Joseph Warren.....	92	2	2	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	43	5	48	21 50
Jerusalem.....	95	5	5	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	34	2	36	17 00
St. John's.....	96	2	2	1	1	1	---	---	---	1	---	---	47	35	82	26 25
Wake Forest.....	97	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	22	1	23	11 00
Hiram.....	98	4	4	4	---	1	---	---	3	2	---	2	44	17	61	22 00
Fulton.....	99	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	28	26	54	14 00
Orr.....	104	9	9	8	2	4	---	---	---	---	1	1	43	29	72	22 50
Clin-ton.....	107	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1	---	---	25	---	25	---
Belmont.....	108	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	25	3	28	11 50
Franklin.....	109	3	3	8	---	3	---	---	2	2	1	---	51	7	58	20 50
Wayne.....	112	2	1	---	5	---	1	---	---	2	---	---	32	---	32	16 00
Holly Spring.....	115	3	3	3	---	---	---	---	---	1	2	---	23	---	23	11 50
Mt. Lebanon.....	117	3	1	1	2	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	49	8	57	24 50
Mt. Hermon.....	118	14	10	11	2	---	---	---	---	4	2	4	58	27	85	25 00
Franklinton.....	123	1	1	1	---	1	---	---	---	1	---	---	20	13	33	10 00
Mill Creek.....	125	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	2	---	1	47	27	74	23 50
Blackmer.....	127	2	1	1	---	2	---	---	---	---	1	---	25	45	70	12 50
Hanks.....	128	1	1	1	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	23	26	49	11 50
Mocksville.....	134	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	47	10	57	23 50
King Solomon.....	138	2	3	3	1	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	41	11	52	20 00

Mount Energy	140	11	11	10	10	1	---	---	---	5	1	5	42	3	45	21 00
Carolina	141	10	12	12	3	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	36	---	36	18 00
Mount Vernon	143	---	1	1	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	21	11	32	10 50
Junaluskee	145	---	---	1	1	3	---	---	---	2	---	3	51	8	59	26 00
Palmyra	147	2	1	1	1	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	29	3	32	14 00
Adoniram	149	1	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	2	18	15	33	9 00
Chalmers	151	5	3	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	17	12	29	8 50
Scotch Ireland	154	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	---	9	---
White Stone	155	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	29	10	39	14 50
Rolesville	156	1	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	18	2	20	9 00
Mount Pleasant	157	2	2	2	---	---	---	---	---	2	3	---	43	2	45	21 50
Knapp of Reeds	158	4	4	3	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	24	19	43	12 00
Yadkin	162	2	2	2	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	3	61	1	62	30 50
Deep River	164	2	2	2	---	---	---	---	---	4	---	---	29	35	64	15 00
Archer	165	2	2	2	1	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	23	2	25	11 50
Winston	167	4	4	4	2	1	---	---	---	4	2	---	93	18	111	46 50
Blackmer	170	1	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1	42	6	48	21 00
Buffalo	172	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	42	24	66	21 00
George Washington	174	1	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	26	16	42	13 00
Pollokville	175	1	2	2	---	---	---	---	---	4	---	---	34	---	34	17 00
Mecklenburg	176	2	2	4	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	27	2	29	13 50
Siloam	178	2	2	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	21	---	21	10 50
Townesville	182	2	1	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	17	---	17	---
Sandy Creek	185	2	2	2	---	---	---	---	---	2	2	---	40	12	52	20 00
Pine Forest	186	5	7	4	2	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	31	10	41	15 50
Central Cross	187	2	2	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	38	17	55	19 00
Balfour	188	1	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	1	17	8 00
Fair Bluff	190	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	25	4	29	12 50
Granite	191	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	11 00
Burnsville	192	3	5	3	1	9	---	---	---	---	1	4	58	---	58	---
Cary	198	1	1	2	1	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	27	---	27	13 50
Eagle Rock	201	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	14	---	14	---
Cleveland	202	5	4	2	---	---	---	---	---	3	1	1	79	6	85	39 50
Roanoke	203	1	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	---	18	1	19	9 00

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Berea	204	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	26	19	45	\$ 13 00
Mingo	206	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	26	—	26	13 00
Lebanon	207	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22 00
Eno	210	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	17	59 50
Richland	214	5	5	7	2	3	—	—	—	1	2	—	51	11	62	25 50
William G. Hill	218	5	4	4	4	—	—	—	14	1	3	—	75	—	75	—
Webster	222	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	17	13	30	8 50
Wilson	226	2	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	32	7	39	16 00
Jonesville	227	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	26	50	12 00
McCormick	228	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	15	7 50
Corinthian	230	2	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	30	—	30	15 00
William T. Bain	231	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	19	5	24	9 50
Gunter	232	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	27	—	27	13 50
Lenoir	233	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	9	39	15 00
Anchor	234	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	1	21	10 00
Cokesbury	235	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	15	8	23	15 50
Mystic Tie	237	3	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	46	—	46	23 00
Atlantic	238	5	5	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	61	—	61	30 50
Rountree	243	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31	8	39	15 50
Pythagoras	249	2	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	23	7	30	11 50
Rockford	251	3	2	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	15	7 50
Lily Valley	252	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	36	9	45	18 00



## ABSTRACT—Continued.

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King Solomon.....	313	1	1	1	1	1				1	1		46	6	52	\$ 23 00	
New Lebanon.....	314	1	1	1		3	5					2	32	5	37	16 00	
Jerusalem.....	315			1									20		20		
Eureka.....	317			1	1	1				2	1		52		52	25 50	
Wilmington.....	319	5	6	6	2				1	3			48		48	24 00	
Selma.....	320	1	1	1						1			24		24	12 00	
White Hill.....	321				1				1				17	22	39		
Granite.....	322	2	2	2	3					1			37	21	58	17 50	
Falling Creek.....	325									1			29	3	32	14 50	
Winton.....	327	1										4	22	2	24	11 00	
Mattamuskeet.....	328	3	2	2						1		2	29	3	32	14 50	
Fayetteville.....	329					2							17		17	8 50	
Black Creek.....	330								2				18	4	22	9 00	
Bayboro.....	331			1					4				35	5	40		
Lock's Creek.....	333								3	3			13	4	17	12 00	
Ionic.....	337	1	1	1	1	1				1			21	2	23	10 50	
Harmony.....	340								2	1			18	15	33	9 00	
Rock Spring.....	341										3		32	3	35	16 00	
Hickory.....	343	2	2	2	3	1				1			26	5	31	13 00	
Numa F. Reid.....	344	3	3	3	2				5	1			2	48	10	58	24 00
Trap Hill.....	346	8	4	4	1					2		2	45	3	48	22 50	
Mount Mourne.....	347	2	2	1		1				1		1	26		26	13 50	



Durham	352	6	4	4	I				2	I			39		39	26 50
Moravian	355									6			24	6	30	12 00
Double Shoal	356	2	2	2						I		2	39	2	41	19 50
Bakersville	357	3	6	6			4					2	76		76	38 00
East La Port	358	3	4	2	I			I		8		7	30	I	31	15 00
Mount Vernon	359	2	I								I		20	3	23	10 00
Mayon	360	4	2	4	2	6					I		40	8	48	21 00
Snow	363												67	I	68	34 00
Craighead	366	3	2	2						I			26	9	35	13 00
Mount Pisgah	368		I	I									24	I	25	
Air Line	369	2	3	5	2					I	2	I	33	10	43	16 50
Mars Hill	370	4	4	5						I		5	54		54	53 50
Elk	373	6	6	5					I	8		5	41		41	20 50
Slate Line	375	2	2	4									19	I	20	9 50
Youngville	377	4	5	4	I				3	I	I	4	26	10	36	13 00
Seaboard	378	I	I	I			2			I			17	4	21	8 50
Coharie	379	I	I	2	I						2		23		23	11 50
Granville	380												24		24	13 00
Shawnee	382	I	2	2								I	20	5	25	10 00
Reidsville	384	7	2	2	3					4		I	50	14	64	25 00
Scottsville	385	I	3	4		I	2						34	20	54	17 00
Pigeon River	386	I	I	2	I					I		I	39		39	19 50
Kedron	387	2	2	2	I					I		28	6	34	14 00	
Moorsboro	388	7	7	8	I								42		42	21 00
Temperance	389	2	2	2	2						I	I	15	4	19	7 50
Copeland	390	8	7	6									25		25	12 50
Lebanon	391	I	I	I	I					I			18		18	9 00
White Rock	392	8	8	6	2							10	45		45	22 50
Tally Ho	393	9	8	7	2		I				2	34	4	38	17 00	
Cape Fear	394	I			I		I					24		24	12 00	
Orient	395	I	I	2									16		16	8 00
Oxford	396										I		31	8	39	13 50
Black Creek	397	9	13	15	I					I			47	2	49	24 00
Centre	398	5	3	I	I								18		18	8 50

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Conoho	399	13	13	13	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	28	4	32	\$ 14 00
Newfound	400	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	—	22	11 50
Joppa	401	7	8	9	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	40	2	42	20 00
Dobson	402	2	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	27	3	30	13 50
Siler City	403	2	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29	13	42	14 50
Farmer's	404	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	19	4	23	9 50
Ocean	405	6	6	6	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	20	2	22	10 00
Ivy	406	8	10	12	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	29	1	30	14 50
Liberty Grove	407	11	14	14	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	26	—	26	13 00
University	408	4	2	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	23	29	52	11 50
Bula	409	8	8	8	7	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	21	21	42	10 50
Asheville	410	2	2	2	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	18	—	18	9 00
Rockville (under dispensation)	411	4	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	2	13	—
*Dabney	412	5	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	19	36	—
Royal	413	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	10	—
Wilton	414	3	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	13	—
Oak Grove	415	7	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	11	—	11	—
†Fairview	416	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	8	22	—
Maxton	417	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	20	30	—
																\$3.187 25

\*Name changed to Henry F. Grainger. †Name changed to Bellview.

## RECAPITULATION.

### AGGREGATE OF LODGES.

Number of Lodges represented at Annual Communication, 1889.....	154
Number of Lodges making returns for the year 1888.....	207
Number of Lodges from which returns were not received.....	18
Number of Lodges at work .....	225

### STATISTICS OBTAINED FROM RETURNS FOR MASONIC YEAR 1888 OF CHARTERED LODGES AND LODGES U. D.

Initiated .....	500
Passed .....	471
Raised.....	487
Admitted in chartered Lodges .....	189
Reinstated .....	103
Suspended .....	27
Expelled .....	6
Excluded for non-payment of dues.....	99
Withdrawn.....	177
Died .....	118
Rejected .....	139

### AGGREGATE OF MASONS.

Number of Members returned .....	6,675
Number of resident masons not members returned.....	1,408
Whole number returned.....	8,083
Add members (477) and non-affiliated Masons (155) obtained from last returns of Lodges failing to make returns in 1888.....	632
	8,715

The estimate of non-affiliated Masons not returned is discontinued, and the Grand Secretary reports only the number contained in returns last received.

In the number of Lodges reported as at work, none of the dormant Lodges now in process of reorganization are included.

## FRATERNAL DEAD.

St. John's.....	3	William H. Hill.
Charity.....	5	F. W. Bell, Joseph P. Keith, Levi Harden, S. B. Spruill.
Phoenix.....	8	Neill McQueen.
American George ..	17	H. H. Cooke.
Phalanx.....	31	F. H. Glover, J. N. Mellan, J. F. Davidson.
Stokes.....	32	P. S. Deaton.
Hiram.....	40	K. Cook, J. L. Stone.
King Solomon.....	56	S. W. Wood.
Kilwinning.....	64	N. C. Allen, John Cowick.
Eagle.....	71	L. W. Hall.
Golden Fleece.....	74	J. N. McCain.
Greensboro.....	76	Barna M. Idol.
Zion.....	81	H. C. Huggins, W. E. Ward, R. J. R. Hatch.
Fellowship.....	84	W. N. Benton, J. G. Rose, M. K. Grantham, Wright Blow, W. A. Smith.
Western Star.....	91	James A. Hague, Andrew J. Scoggin.
Joseph Warren.....	92	Wiley J. Butts, F. M. Rountree.
Orr.....	104	Thomas Robbins.
Belmont.....	108	A. M. Faison.
Franklin.....	109	George Walker.
Holly Spring.....	115	D. S. Stinson, A. S. Utley.
Mt. Hermon.....	118	R. R. Jones, W. W. Wells.
Blackmer.....	127	J. G. Christian.
Mount Energy.....	140	H. F. Parrett.
Palmyra.....	147	J. W. Godwin.
Adoniram.....	149	James Elliott.
Chalmers.....	151	R. G. Frazier, G. L. Newby.
White Stone.....	155	T. G. Riley.
Rolesville.....	156	L. B. Rodgers.
Mount Pleasant.....	157	Jesse Penny, I. J. Brogdon, T. S. Cozaort.
Yadkin.....	162	R. G. Zachary.
Archer.....	165	W. S. Earp, W. H. Oneal, S. P. Horton.
Winston.....	167	C. C. Ziglar, J. L. Pratt.
Polloksville.....	175	Basil Jenkins.
Townesville.....	182	S. P. Wilson.
Sandy Creek.....	185	T. J. Gupton, L. Werter.
Pine Forest.....	186	A. H. Harrington.
Central Cross.....	187	J. W. Bowden, Sherwood Gay.
Burnsville.....	192	J. T. Rust.
Eagle Rock.....	201	H. W. Rhodes.
Cleveland.....	202	J. S. Byers.
Roanoke.....	203	E. D. Browning, Hamlin Allen, Exum Lewis, Rufus W. Daniel.
Mingo.....	206	Bright Bass.
Richland.....	214	J. Rothrock, W. H. Foster.
William G. Hill.....	218	P. C. Fleming, A. D. Fullerton, J. H. Riggan.
Wilson.....	226	J. A. Holmes, L. V. Campbell.
Gunter.....	232	Thomas Brady, B. I. Howze.
Cokesbury.....	235	John O'Connell.
Rountree.....	243	J. L. Kilpatrick, Hardy Johnson, Sr.
Lee.....	253	Alfred Echerd.

FRATERNAL DEAD—*Continued.*

Excelsior .....	261	W. H. Farrior.
Hibriten .....	262	Elcana Flowers.
Farmington .....	265	Smith Holden.
Tabasco .....	271	Simeon Wagoner, Joel Allen.
Green Level ..	277	Jarratt Broadwell.
Greenville .....	284	J. G. James, R. A. Starkey.
Flat Creek .....	285	Cornelius Purvis.
French Broad .....	292	J. M. Honeycutt.
Stonewall .....	296	George W. Nelson, J. W. Nelson.
Hunting Creek .....	299	J. H. Dalton.
Evergreen .....	303	Neill Smith, L. McN. McDonald.
Pleasant Hill .....	304	A. B. Kinsey.
King Solomon .....	313	S. J. Coble.
Eureka .....	317	John Benbury.
Rock Spring .....	341	W. A. Gilleland, R. L. Johnston, R. H. Bundy.
Bakersville .....	357	John B. Wilson, J. W. Buchanan.
Mayon .....	360	Simon Hales.
Air Line .....	369	R. H. Adams, Samuel Blackwood.
Youngville .....	377	J. W. Holden.
Coharie .....	379	A. J. Butler, H. L. Spell.
Oxford .....	396	J. W. Howell.
Joppa .....	401	John W. Phillips.
Ocean .....	405	Jacob Utley.
Liberty Grove .....	407	G. W. Adams.
University .....	408	A. D. Blackwood.
Bula .....	409	J. A. McCauley.

"From these blest graves may hope revive  
 May Judah's lion tell  
 That we shall meet these dead alive  
 For oh, we loved them well."



## GRAND LODGES

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Georgia .....	A. M. Wolihin .....	Macon.
Idaho Territory .....	James H. Wickersham .....	Boise City.
Illinois .....	Loyal L. Munn .....	Freeport.
Indiana .....	William H. Smythe .....	Indianapolis.
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Iowa .....	Theodore S. Parvin .....	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas .....	John H. Brown .....	Kansas City.
Kentucky .....	Henry B. Grant .....	Louisville.
Louisiana .....	J. C. Batchelor, M. D. ....	New Orleans.
Maine .....	Ira Berry .....	Portland.
Manitoba .....	William G. Scott .....	Winnipeg.
Maryland .....	Jacob H. Medairy .....	Baltimore.
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Minnesota .....	A. T. C. Pierson .....	St. Paul.
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Nebraska .....	William R. Bowen .....	Omaha.
Nevada .....	Chauncey N. Noteware .....	Carson.
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Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
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Utah Territory .....	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
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District of Columbia .....	Jesse W. Lee, Jr. ....	Washington.
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Illinois .....	Walter A. Stevens .....	Chicago.
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Vermont .....	Nathan P. Bowman .....	St. Johnsbury.
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Washington Territory .....	Nathan S. Porter .....	Olympia.
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Canada .....	George W. Blount .....	Wilson.
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Connecticut .....	Donald W. Bain .....	Raleigh.
District of Columbia .....	Charles H. Robinson .....	Wilmington.
Florida .....	John Nichols .....	Raleigh.
Georgia .....	Donald W. Bain .....	Raleigh.
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Oregon .....	John W. Cotten .....	Tarboro.
Ohio .....	Albert M. Noble .....	Selma.
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Prince Edward Island .....		
Rhode Island .....	H. W. Reinhart .....	Thomasville.
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Tennessee .....	Donald W. Bain .....	Raleigh.
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Washington Territory .....	Jonathan W. Albertson .....	Elizabeth City.
Wisconsin .....	John Nichols .....	Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

AT

HUNTSVILLE, YADKIN COUNTY, APRIL 21ST, 1888.

MOREHEAD CITY, MAY 1ST, 1888.

WASHINGTON, MAY 10TH, 1888.

SOUTH MILLS, JULY 18TH, 1888.

NEAR GATLINGTON, GATES COUNTY, JULY 25TH, 1888.

RALEIGH, AUGUST 22D, 1888.

SOUTHPORT, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1888.

WILMINGTON, OCTOBER 16TH, 1888.



## SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT HUNTSVILLE.

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By virtue of authority from M. W., Chas. H. Robinson, Grand Master, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was opened in due form at Huntsville, Yadkin county, in the residence of Mr. William Martins, on Saturday, the 21st day of April, A. D. 1888, A. L. 5888.

### PRESENT :

S. H. SMITH, D. G. M.	.....	as Grand Master.
C. F. BAHNSON	.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
T. B. BAILEY	.....	as Senior Grand Warden.
A. E. HOLTON	.....	as Junior Grand Warden.
L. G. HUNT	.....	as Grand Treasurer.
P. A. WILSON, JR	.....	as Grand Secretary.
W. C. WILLSON	.....	as Grand Chaplain.
H. W. DOUGLAS	.....	as Senior Grand Deacon.
J. D. HAMLIN	.....	as Junior Grand Deacon.
J. A. LILLINGTON	.....	as Grand Marshal.
C. JONES	.....	as Grand Tiler.
F. M. JOHNSON	.....	as Grand Steward.
R. C. BROWN	.....	as Grand Steward.

The following Lodges were represented, viz.:

Mocksville, No. 134; Yadkin, No. 162; Winston, No. 167; Farmington, No. 265; Salem, No. 289.

The acting Grand Master having announced that the object of the Communication was to lay the corner-stone of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the procession was formed and moved to the building.

The corner-stone was then laid according to the forms of the order.

An address was then delivered by Rev. W. C. Willson.

The procession returned to the residence of Mr. William Martins, where the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

SAMUEL H. SMITH,

PETER A. WILSON, JR.,

*Acting Grand Master.*

*Acting Grand Secretary.*

## SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT MOREHEAD CITY.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was convened at the Baptist Church in the town of Morehead City, N. C., on Tuesday, May 1st, 1888, at 3 o'clock P. M., and was opened in ample form.

### PRESENT:

M. W., CHARLES H. ROBINSON.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R. W., FABIUS H. BUSBEE, P. G. M.....	<i>as Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ GEORGE N. ENNETT .....	<i>as Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ J. B. JONES.....	<i>as Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ WILLIAM E. ANDERSON .....	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ DONALD W. BAIN .....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
Bro ENOCH L. STAMEY.....	<i>as Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ ALPHEUS W. WOOD .....	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ A. E. OGLESBY.....	<i>as Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ F. A. BISHOP.....	<i>as Grand Marshal.</i>
“ E. G. HILL .....	<i>as Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
“ M. F. ARENDELL ..	<i>as Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ ROBERT H. BRADLEY.....	<i>Grand Tiler.</i>

Representatives were present from Lodges as follows:

St. John's, No. 1; St. John's, No. 3; Hiram, No. 40; Eagle, No. 71; Zion, No. 81; LaFayette, No. 83; Morning Star, No. 85; St. John's, No. 96; Franklin, No. 109; Wayne, No. 112; King Solomon, No. 138; Palmyra, No. 147; Pollokville, No. 175; William G. Hill, No. 218; Pythagoras, No. 249; Sapona, No. 280; Wilmington, No. 319; Ocean, No. 405; Bula, No. 409.

The Grand Master stated the object of the Communication to be the laying of the corner-stone of the “Teachers’ Assembly Hall,” for the annual meetings of the teachers in the schools of the State of North Carolina.

The following special appointments were made:

Bro. John Rumley, Bearer of the Great Lights; Bros. H. S. Nunn and C. J. Mattocks, Grand Stewards.

Preliminary announcements were made, and the procession moved to the building in the following order:

Grand Tiler, with drawn sword,  
Grand Stewards,  
Master Masons,  
Architect, with square, level and plumb,  
Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer,  
Bible, Square and Compasses,  
Grand Chaplain,  
Junior Grand Warden, carrying the silver vessel with oil,  
Senior Grand Warden, carrying the silver vessel with wine,  
Deputy Grand Master, carrying the golden vessel with corn,  
Bro. O. J. Carroll, of Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218, carrying the book of  
constitutions,  
Grand Master, attended by the Deacons,  
Grand Pursuivant and Grand Sword Bearer.

On arriving at the building the procession reversed order, the Grand Officers taking their proper position at the stone, the brethren on the north and east.

The following list of articles to be placed in the corner-stone was read by the Grand Secretary, the box containing the same was placed in the vault of the stone by the Grand Treasurer, and the stone was laid according to the forms of the Order:

Annual Report of Auditor of North Carolina; Masonic Code of By-Laws; Grand Lodge Proceedings, Masonic, 1888; Masonic Code of North Carolina; Report of Treasurer of North Carolina; Reports of Mayor and Officers of City of Raleigh, 1887; Charter and Ordinances, City of Raleigh; Report of State Superintendent Public Instruction, 1886; North Carolina Speaker; Moore's School History of North Carolina; North Carolina Teacher, April, 1888; Proceedings of First Session Teachers' Assembly, 1884; Proceedings Teachers' Assembly 1887; Programme of Corner-Stone Exercises; Sealed package from John T. Pullen; Portraits of each President of the Assembly; Copy of News and Observer; Copy of Christian Advocate, April 25, 1888; History of Teachers' Assembly; Constitution of Governor's Guard; Charter of Home Fire Insurance Company; Tactics and Manual Knights Templar; Copy of State Chronicle; Copy of Raleigh Evening Visitor; New Berne Daily Journal, April 28; Officers of Municipal Government Morehead City and of County of Carteret; Advertisement of Collins & Crabtree, of Kinston; Grand Officers taking part in laying corner-stone; Copy of Beaufort Telephone.

An oration was pronounced in the hall of the building by M. W., Bro. Fabius H. Busbee, Past Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge returned to the Baptist Church. The proceedings of this Communication were read and approved. The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 5 o'clock and 40 minutes.

C. H. ROBINSON,

*Grand Master.*

ATTEST:

DONALD W. BAIN,

*Grand Secretary.*

## SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT WASHINGTON.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened with Orr Lodge, No. 104, in Washington, N. C., on Thursday, May 10th, A. D. 1888, A. L. 5888, at 10 o'clock A. M., by order of the Grand Master, and was opened in ample form.

### PRESENT :

C. H. ROBINSON .....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
E. S. HOYT .....	<i>as Deputy Grand Master</i>
J. G. BRAGAW .....	<i>as Senior Grand Warden.</i>
JOHN W. COTTEN .....	<i>Junior Grand Warden.</i>
H. V. DUNSTON .....	<i>as Grand Treasurer.</i>
R. T. HODGES .....	<i>as Grand Secretary.</i>
T. P. RICAUD .....	<i>as Grand Chaplain.</i>
HENRY BONNER .....	<i>as Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
W. Z. MORTON .....	<i>as Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
DONALD WILLIAMS .....	<i>as Grand Marshal.</i>
A. ONEAL .....	<i>as Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
T. R. BENSTON .....	<i>as Grand Pursuivant.</i>
B. T. MOSS .....	<i>as Bearer of the Lights.</i>
HENRY MORRIS .....	<i>as Grand Steward.</i>
WALTER E. JONES .....	<i>as Grand Steward.</i>
JOSEPH A. FARROW .....	<i>as Grand Tiler.</i>

The following Lodges were represented :

St. John's, No. 3; Charity, No. 5; Concord, No. 58; Skewarkey, No. 90; Orr, No. 104; Greenville, No. 284; Atlantic, No. 294; Stonewall, No. 296; Pamlico, No. 300; Winton, No. 327; Mattamuskeet, No. 328.

The object of the Communication, as stated by the Grand Master, was to dedicate the monument erected to the Confederate dead by the Ladies and Ex-Confederate Memorial Association of Beaufort County.

After the Grand Master had made his appointments, the



procession was formed and moved to the monument, where the dedicatory ceremonies were duly performed.

The Grand Lodge then returned to the hall, and was closed in ample form.

C. H. ROBINSON,

*Grand Master.*

ATTEST:

R. T. HODGES,

*Grand Secretary pro tem.*

## SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT SOUTH MILLS.

Acting under authority from M. W., Chas. H. Robinson, Grand Master, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was convened in the hall of New Lebanon Lodge, No. 314, in the town of South Mills, Camden county, N. C., Wednesday, July 18th, A. D. 1888, A. L. 5888.

### PRESENT:

M. W., JOS. C. RUDDER .....	<i>as Grand Master.</i>
R. W., SMITH MERCER .....	<i>as Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ WM. F. WHITEHURST .....	<i>as Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ JOHN C. SPENCE .....	<i>as Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ W. LYNCH .....	<i>as Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ G. H. RIGGS .....	<i>as Grand Secretary.</i>
Bro. J. W. S. ROBINS .....	<i>Chaplain.</i>
“ W. J. WHITEHURST .....	<i>as Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ F. M. SAWYER .....	<i>as Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ JOHN JACOBS .....	<i>as Grand Marshal.</i>
“ M. N. SAWYER .....	<i>as Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
“ JOS. A. SPENCER .....	<i>as Grand Steward.</i>
“ H. A. PRINCE .....	<i>as Grand Steward.</i>
“ E. OVERTON .....	<i>as Grand Tiler.</i>

Representatives were in attendance from the following Lodges:

Eureka, No. 317; Widow's Son, No. 75; Mattamuskeet, No. 828; Lily Valley, No. 252; New Lebanon, No. 314.

Visiting Brethren—L. G. Roper, of Kempsville, No. 25, Virginia; E. P. White, of Lake Drummond, No. 178, Virginia.

The acting Grand Master opened the Lodge in due form, and stated that the object of this Communication was to lay the corner-stone of the new Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now in course of construction in South Mills.

The acting Grand Master having made the necessary preliminary announcements, the procession moved in the following order:

Grand Tiler, with drawn sword,  
Grand Stewards,  
Master Masons,  
Architect, with square, level and plumb,  
Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer,  
Bible, Square and Compasses,  
Junior Grand Warden, carrying the silver vessel with oil,  
Senior Grand Warden, carrying the silver vessel with wine,  
Deputy Grand Master, carrying the golden vessel with corn,  
Grand Master, attended by the Deacons,  
Fidelity Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F.,  
The Juvenile Missionary Society of South Mills Academy.

After passing through the principal streets of the town, the procession arrived at the church, after reversing order the Grand Officers took their position around the stone, the brethren forming on the north and east.

The Secretary then announced the contents of the box, and the Treasurer deposited the same in the vault of the stone.

The procession then moved to the lawn of Mr. Jos. A. Spencer, Esq., where ample provision had been made to feed the large gathering present.

An address was made by M. W., M. Hinton, the orator of the day.

The Grand Lodge then returned to the hall of New Lebanon Lodge, and was closed in ample form.

GEO. H. RIGGS,  
*Acting Grand Secretary.*

JOSEPH C. RUDDER,  
*Acting Grand Master.*

## SPECIAL COMMUNICATION NEAR GATLINGTON.

By virtue of authority from M. W., Chas. H. Robinson, Grand Master, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was opened in due form at the residence of Mr. Mills Lawrence, on Wednesday, the 25th July, A. D. 1888, A. L. 5888, near Gatlington, Gates county, N. C.

### PRESENT :

M. W.,	W. H. RIDDICK .....	as <i>Grand Master.</i>
R. W.,	A. E. OWENS, D. D .....	as <i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
"	GEO. J. COSTEN .....	as <i>Senior Grand Warden.</i>
"	D. W. PARKER .....	as <i>Junior Grand Warden.</i>
"	JAMES B. JONES.....	as <i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	THOMAS PARKER.....	as <i>Grand Secretary.</i>
Bro.	JOHN R. HILL.....	as <i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	GEORGE W. HAYS.....	as <i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	WILLIS W. SAVAGE .....	as <i>Grand Steward.</i>
"	J. J. EGGLESTON.....	as <i>Grand Steward.</i>
"	JOHN A. ROUNTREE.....	as <i>Grand Tiler.</i>

Representatives from Lily Valley Lodge, No. 252; New Lebanon Lodge, No. 314; and Winton Lodge, No. 327.

Visitors from Somerton Lodge, No. 99, and McAlister Lodge, No. 185, of Virginia.

The acting Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in due form for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of Ariel Church, near Gatlington, Gates county, N. C. The rules for regulating the procession were read by the acting Grand Secretary, the necessary cautions were then given, and the Grand Lodge moved in procession to the building, where the corner-stone was laid with the usual Masonic cere-

monies, the acting Grand Master addressed the audience, followed by Rev. A. E. Owens, D. D., after which the procession returned to the place whence it set out.

The business having been concluded, the acting Grand Master closed the Grand Lodge in due form.

THOMAS PARKER,

*Acting Grand Secretary.*

W. H. RIDDICK,

*Acting Grand Master.*



## SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT RALEIGH.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was convened at the Masonic Hall in the city of Raleigh, Wednesday, August 22d, 1888, at 4 o'clock P. M., and opened in due form:

### PRESENT:

M. W.,	EUGENE GRISSOM, P. D. G. M.	.....as	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R. W.,	WILLIAM R. COX	.....as	<i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
"	JOHN W. THOMPSON	.....as	<i>Senior Grand Warden.</i>
"	C T. BAILEY	.....as	<i>Junior Grand Warden.</i>
"	WILLIAM H. MITCHELL	.....as	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	DONALD W. BAIN	.....	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
Bro.	LEONIDAS L. NASH	.....as	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	GEORGE WILLCOX	.....as	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	O. L. CHESNUTT	.....as	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	CARLE A. WOODRUFF	.....as	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
"	W. A. WITHERS	.....as	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
"	H. M. COWAN	.....as	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	T. A. JONES	.....as	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
"	DAVID ROSENTHAL	.....as	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
"	ROBERT H. BRADLEY	.....	<i>Grand Tiler.</i>

Representatives were present from the following Lodges:

Hiram, No. 40; Wake Forest, No. 97; Hiram, No. 98; Mecklenburg, No. 176; Cary, No. 198; Richland, No. 214; Anchor, No. 234; Greenville, No. 284; Olive Branch, No. 371; Reidsville, No. 384.

Visitors—C. A. Woodruff, Hancock Lodge, U. D., Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

The acting Grand Master announced that the Grand Lodge had been convened for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the building in course of construction for the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, near this city, and that he had been deputed by the Grand Master to preside.

Special appointments were announced as follows:

Bro. Erskine Pope, Bearer of the Great Lights, and Bros. E. B. Thomas and C. N. Allen as his supporters; Bro. W. S. King, Bearer of Constitutions.

The procession was formed and moved to Hargett Street Station, thence by railroad to the building.

The following order was observed:

Grand Tiler,  
Grand Stewards,  
Master Masons,  
Architect, with square, level and plumb,  
Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer,  
Bible, Square and Compasses,  
Grand Chaplain,  
Junior Grand Warden, carrying the silver vessel with oil,  
Senior Grand Warden, carrying the silver vessel with wine,  
Deputy Grand Master, carrying the golden vessel with corn,  
Grand Master,  
Grand Pursuivant and Grand Sword Bearer.

On arriving at the building the procession reversed order, and the Grand Officers took position at the stone, the brethren forming line on the north and east.

The acting Grand Master advanced, commanded silence and made proclamation.

Prayer was offered by the acting Grand Chaplain.

The box containing articles was deposited in the stone. The following is a list:

Copy of Masonic Code of North Carolina and amendments, 1888; Proceedings of Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. and A. M., 101st Annual Communication, 1888; Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina, 40th Annual Convocation, 1888; Progressive Farmer, Vol. I, No. 1, February 10th, 1886, and Vol. III, No. 27, August 21st, 1888; Charlotte Democrat, December 24th, 1880, and July 27th, 1888; Turner's North Carolina Almanac, 1848, by his niece, Mrs. H. D. Coley; The West End Sun, Raleigh, N. C., August 6th, 1888, by S. A. Ashe, Jr.; North Carolina Farmer, by James H. Enniss, August 1st, 1888; Turner's N. C. Almanac, by J. H. Enniss, bound volume, 1870-1880, and years 1881 to 1888, both inclusive; Speech of Hon. Z. B. Vance, in Senate of United States, Monday, August 6th, 1888, on the Fisheries Treaty with Great Britain; Sketch of Brig.-Gen. Wm.

Lee Davidson, of the War of the Revolution, by W. A. Withers, January 1st, 1888, and Bill to provide for the erection of a monument to Gen. Davidson, introduced in the United States Senate, January 4th, 1888, by Senator Z. B. Vance, and passed by that body April 12th, 1888; The State Chronicle, Raleigh, N. C., August 10th, 1888; The Chatham Record, Pittsboro, N. C., August 16th, 1888, and The Home, Pittsboro, N. C., Aug. 9th, 1888, deposited by H. M. Cowan; A copy of the Laws of the State of North Carolina, establishing the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, 1887, by W. S. Primrose; Modifications of the laws relating to the Board of Agriculture, by W. S. Primrose; A memorial to the General Assembly of 1885, concerning the need of an Industrial School in North Carolina, by the Watauga Club, of Raleigh, N. C.; A copy of the Programme of the exercises of laying this corner-stone, by W. S. Primrose; A copy of the North Carolina Speaker, 1887, by Eugene G. Harrell and Jno. B. Neathery; A copy of the North Carolina Teacher, May, 1888, deposited by Alfred Williams & Co.; Grand Officers assisting in the ceremonies of laying this corner-stone; North Carolina Baptist Almanac, 1888; Biblical Recorder, August 22d, 1888; Internal Revenue Relics, by G. E. Leach; A History of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, by W. J. Peele; Agricultural Bulletin, August, 1888.

The box was placed in the vault of the stone by the acting Grand Treasurer, and the stone was laid according to the forms of the order.

Orations were pronounced by his Excellency Alfred M. Scales, Governor of North Carolina, and other distinguished gentlemen.

The benediction was pronounced by the acting Grand Chaplain and the Grand Lodge returned to its hall.

The following communication was read :

NORTH CAROLINA TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
RALEIGH, N. C., August 21st, 1888.

MR CHAS. H. ROBINSON, *Grand Master A. F. & A. M.*,

*Dear Sir and Brother :—*As a slight token of our great esteem for you and the noble order of which you are the official head in this jurisdiction, and in appreciation of the kind service you rendered us in laying, by your most imposing ceremonies, the corner-stone of our North Carolina Teachers' Assembly Building on May 1st last, I take pleasure in presenting to the Grand Lodge, through you, a set of vessels for the corn, wine and oil which are used on similar occasions, with the compliments and very best wishes of our Teachers' Assembly.

Truly and fraternally yours,

EUGENE G. HARRELL, *Secretary.*

On motion of Bro. W. R. Cox, P. G. M., the gift was accepted with the thanks of this Grand Body, and the Grand Secretary instructed to make suitable response.

The Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

EUGENE GRISSOM,

*Acting Grand Master.*

ATTEST:

DONALD W. BAIN,

*Grand Secretary.*

## SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT SOUTHPORT.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was convened at the Lodge-room of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 249, Southport, N. C., Wednesday, September 5th, A. D. 1888, A. L. 5888, at three o'clock P. M., by order of the M. W. Grand Master, and was opened in ample form.

### PRESENT :

M. W.,	CHARLES H. ROBINSON.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R. W.,	W. S. DOSHER .....	<i>as Deputy Grand Master</i>
"	EUGENE S. MARTIN.....	<i>as Senior Grand Warden.</i>
"	W. R. KENÁN .....	<i>as Junior Grand Warden.</i>
Bro.	W. G. CURTIS .....	<i>as Grand Treasurer.</i>
"	WM. M. POISSON.....	<i>as Grand Secretary.</i>
"	WALTER S. CREASY .....	<i>as Grand Chaplain.</i>
"	J. J. ATKINS .....	<i>as Bearer of Great Lights.</i>
"	H. P. WEST.....	<i>as Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	G. M. CRAPON.....	<i>as Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
"	J. L. CANTWELL.....	<i>as Grand Marshal.</i>
"	WM. WEEKS.....	<i>as Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
"	JOHN W. MONROE.....	<i>as Grand Pursuivant.</i>
"	B. R. RUSSELL.....	<i>as Grand Tiler.</i>
"	T. F. BAGLEY .....	<i>as Grand Steward.</i>
"	J. C. STEWART .....	<i>as Grand Steward.</i>

Representatives from the following Lodges were present :

St. John's, No. 1; Pythagoras, No. 249; Wilmington, No. 319; Orient, No. 395. Visitors—Bros. G. W. Hughes, Kingstree, No. 45, South Carolina, and S. J. Irvine, Grand Muck, No. 103, Sioux City, Iowa.

The Grand Master stated the object of the Communication to be the laying of the corner-stone of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now being erected at this place.

The procession was formed and moved to the new build-



ing, where the Grand Officers took their positions, the brethren forming a hollow square.

The Grand Master having made proclamation, laid the corner-stone with the usual forms of the order.

After the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone were over, interesting addresses were delivered by Brothers E. S. Martin and W. S. Creasy, after which the procession returned to the Lodge-room.

The business of the Special Communication being finished, the proceedings were read and approved, and the Grand Lodge closed in ample form.

C. H. ROBINSON,

*Grand Master.*

ATTEST:

W. M. POISSON,

*Acting Grand Secretary.*

## SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT WILMINGTON.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was convened at St. John's Hall, in the city of Wilmington, N. C., on Tuesday, October 16th, 1888, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., and was opened in ample form.

### PRESENT:

M. W., C. H. ROBINSON .....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R. W., H. H. MUNSON, P. G. M.....	<i>as Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" H. P. WEST .....	<i>as Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" W. R. KENAN.....	<i>as Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" DeLANCY EVANS .....	<i>as Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JAMES W. MONROE .....	<i>as Grand Secretary.</i>
Bro. REV. JOHN W. PRIMROSE.....	<i>as Grand Chaplain.</i>
" A. S. HEIDE .....	<i>as Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" W. S. DOSIER.....	<i>as Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" W. P. OLDHAM .....	<i>as Grand Marshal.</i>
" J. O. BOWDEN .....	<i>as Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" E. G. BARKER .....	<i>as Grand Steward.</i>
" W. E. STORM .....	<i>as Grand Steward.</i>
" J. W. PERDEW.....	<i>as Grand Tiler.</i>
" W. S. WARROCK.....	<i>as Grand Pursuivant.</i>

Representatives were present from the following Lodges :

Fayetteville, No. 329; Pythagoras, No. 249; St. John's, No. 1; Wilmington, No. 319; Orient, No. 395; Kilwinning, No. 64.

The Grand Master stated the object of this Communication to be to lay the corner-stone of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

The Grand Master announced the following special appointments :

Bro. John W. Monroe, Bearer of the Great Lights, and Bro. John C. Chase, Architect.

The Grand Master having made the necessary preliminary announcements, the procession was formed and moved through some of the principal streets, headed by the Germania Cornet Band, to the church building, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, in the following order:

Grand Tiler, with drawn sword,  
Grand Stewards,  
Master Masons,  
J. C. Chase, Architect, with square, level and plumb,  
Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer,  
Bible, Square and Compasses,  
Grand Chaplain,  
Junior Grand Warden, carrying the silver vessel of oil,  
Senior Grand Warden, carrying the silver vessel with wine,  
Deputy Grand Master, carrying the golden vessel with corn,  
Grand Master,  
Grand Sword Bearer.

On arriving at the building the procession reversed order, and the Grand Officers took positions on the stand, the brethren forming line on the north and east.

Prayer was offered by the acting Grand Chaplain.

The acting Grand Secretary read the list to be deposited in the box. The box containing the articles was placed in the vault of the stone by the acting Grand Treasurer, and the stone was laid according to forms of the order.

An oration was pronounced by Rev. James Y. Fair, of Charlotte, N. C., which was complimented by all who had the pleasure of hearing it.

The Grand Lodge returned to the Masonic Hall, and was closed in ample form.

C. H. ROBINSON,  
*Grand Master.*

ATTEST:

JAMES W. MONROE,  
*Acting Grand Secretary.*

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# APPENDIX.

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## REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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### *To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present the following as their review of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges, to-wit :

Alabama .....	1887	Missouri .....	1888
Arkansas .....	1887	Nebraska .....	1888
California .....	1887	Nevada .....	1887
Canada .....	1888	New Brunswick .....	1888
Colorado .....	1888	New Hampshire .....	1888
Connecticut .....	1888	New Jersey .....	1888
Dakota .....	1888	New Mexico .....	1887
Delaware .....	1887	New York .....	1888
District of Columbia .....	1887	Nova Scotia .....	1888
England .....	1887-1888	Ontario .....	1888
Florida .....	1888	Oregon .....	1888
Georgia .....	1887	Pennsylvania .....	1887
Idaho .....	1888	Prince Edward Island .....	1888
Illinois .....	1888	Quebec .....	1888
Indiana .....	1888	Scotland .....	1888
Indian Territory .....	1888	South Carolina .....	1887
Iowa .....	1888	Tennessee .....	1888
Kansas .....	1888	Texas .....	1887
Kentucky .....	1888	Utah .....	1888
Louisiana .....	1888	Vermont .....	1888
Maine .....	1888	Victoria .....	1888
Manitoba .....	1888	Virginia .....	1887
Maryland .....	1887-'88	Washington Territory .....	1888
Massachusetts .....	1887-'88	West Virginia .....	1887
Michigan .....	1888	Wisconsin .....	1888
Minnesota .....	1888	Wyoming .....	1887
Mississippi .....	1888		



## ALABAMA—1887.

The sixty-seventh annual Communication, held on the 5th of December, 1887, Grand Master John G. Harris presiding.

The Grand Master delivers an interesting address, from which we quote the following with our full endorsement :

It occurs to me that the social feature of our order ought to be more cultivated and practiced. Beneficial results follow every public Masonic gathering, when prudence and judgment guide and direct. I am assured of the fact it would give Masonry a deeper, stronger and more permanent lodgment in the affections of its members, were they to meet in annual re-unions. Two or more neighboring lodges might agree to assemble on some designated day, install officers, have an address, inviting the outside world to participate. This would relieve us of the charge of selfishness or clannishness, so often but erroneously urged against us.

We would like very much to see the above suggestions acted upon in this jurisdiction.

Seven decisions are reported, in all of which we concur except the following:

Is an applicant for the mysteries of free masonry disqualified who cannot write his name?

*Held*, If he is qualified in every other particular this should not be a bar to his initiation.

Can a Junior Deacon be refused a dimit because he is an officer in the lodge?

*Held*, He is entitled to a dimit if no other objection exists.

White Star Lodge, in Tennessee, requests that Calera Lodge, No. 445, confer the Entered Apprentice degree on a candidate elected by said White Star Lodge.

*Held*, That the request could not be complied with.

We think the petition must be signed in the hand-writing of the applicant, and the applicant who cannot write is disqualified; that an installed officer cannot dimit, and see no reason why the requested Lodge could not confer the degree.

After writing the above dissent, we found further on in the Proceedings that the above decisions had been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, but there is no report. Proceedings are brief and confined to local affairs.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Pillans, and, like all his reports, is excellent. North Carolina 1887 is mentioned and liberal extracts made from our Proceedings. Bro. Myles J. Greene elected Grand Master and the Grand Secretary re-elected.

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After the above Proceedings were issued the sad tidings reached us that our venerable brother Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, had been installed for the last time, and, ripe in years and crowned with honors, had laid down his pen, the record of life ended. Feeling our inability to do justice to his memory, we quote the words of Bro. Drummond, of Maine, who knew him well:

At the annual Communication of that Grand Lodge in December, 1857, the Grand Master was called upon to announce the death of the Grand Secretary, who had served for *twenty* years. Bro. Sayre was elected in his place and served over *thirty* years, acting at *thirty-one* annual Communications. He was also Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter and Grand Recorder of the Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

An accidental circumstance led the writer to open a correspondence with Bro. Sayre nearly thirty years ago, which has been kept up at intervals ever since. This acquaintance has been strengthened by personal meetings, and we can speak intelligently of him as a man, a Mason and an officer.

It is truly said of him that he lived a true, good and upright citizen. No one lives to say aught against his good name. He so conducted himself as to receive and merit the good opinion of all men. "He has left behind him a life-record of goodness and truth." "Kind, charitable and just, he practiced in his daily walk and life the grandest of injunctions—to do unto others as he would be done by."

He was a tower of strength to Masonry, and his death is a calamity to the Craft. He was devoted to its principles and exemplified them in his conduct and example.

As Grand Secretary he was exact and tireless in the performance of his duty. He did not seek to be brilliant, but his sound judgment and long experience made his suggestions of great value.

Unassuming and quiet, but genial and warm-hearted, he won the affection of all. We can scarcely form a conception of his Grand Lodge without him as a prominent feature. But he is no longer there; and yet he will be lovingly remembered as long as a single brother comes there who has felt the faithful grasp of his hand or met the kindly glance of his eye.

#### ARKANSAS—1887.

Emergent Communication at Little Rock, August 10, 1887, Grand Master W. H. Gee presiding, to lay the corner-stone of the court-house of Pulaski county.

The forty-eighth annual Communication, held at Little Rock, November 22, 1887, Grand Master Gee presiding. The Grand Master's address refers entirely to local matters, and the twenty decisions reported are governed by local law.

The Grand Orator R. W., W. M. Mellette, delivered an excellent address, from which we quote the following:

The general tendency of Freemasonry is to inculcate obedience to the laws of God and man, and make its disciples creditable citizens in a community. It is an element of strength and union, and not of discord. A Masonic Lodge has never failed to elevate the moral and intellectual standard within its jurisdiction, notwithstanding unfounded assertions to the contrary. Its teachings are pure, and the daily bearing of its disciples should and must be in accordance with those teachings. Masons are but men, with passions to overcome and virtues to cultivate and practice, as other men. Much has been said and written upon this particular feature of Masonry. Yet a great deal remains to be said before the proper standard of excellence can be reached and maintained. There is nothing more perfect and beautiful than the lessons of life inculcated by the fundamental teachings of speculative Masonry. Their very simplicity is of inestimable value in impressing them upon the minds of those who seek instruction. The wisdom of all ages has been utilized by master minds in con-

ceiving and successfully developing this most ennobling moral science in order that humanity might be benefited; that man might not trudge through life without moral and intellectual activity, or pass down the scale of existence to a life of shame and debauchery; but that he might, as each successive year rolls by, grow stronger in all those qualities which make him little lower than the angels, and stand as a monument of usefulness before those who are to succeed him in the important duties of life.

Proceedings at the ceremony of unveiling the monument to P. G. M. Elbert H. English, November 24, 1887, are set forth in full, with a picture of the monument, and are of a very interesting character. The Grand Master presided, and Bro. George Thornburgh, P. G. M., delivered an appropriate address.

No Report on Correspondence.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### CALIFORNIA—1887.

The thirty-eighth annual Communication held at San Francisco, October 11th, 1887, Grand Master Edmund C. Atkinson presiding.

The opening passages of the Grand Master's address are very beautiful and eloquent, and he glides most gracefully into the business part of it and discusses with ability the matters presented. He reports "that the condition of the Craft was never more prosperous than now," and sets forth a number of decisions, in which we concur in the main. He pays a fitting tribute to two eminent brethren, Leonidas E. Pratt, P. G. M., and Jonathan D. Hinds, P. G. M., who died during the Masonic year.

The proceedings relate solely to local matters.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Wm. H. Hill, and is a very able and interesting production, covering one hundred pages of fine print and reviewing the Proceedings of all the North American Grand Lodges except Nevada (which was not received in time) and several foreign Grand Bodies.

North Carolina, 1887, receives a generous share of favorable attention pleasant to read.

Bro. Hiram N. Rucker elected Grand Master. Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### CANADA—1888.

Proceedings of several special Communications appear. The thirty-third annual Communication held in Toronto, July 18, 1888, Grand Master Henry Robertson on the throne.

In his address he speaks as follows:

The functions of the Grand Lodge are of the most important character. They include not only the regulation and supervision of the necessary work of the Lodges and the final arbitrament of all matters of difference, but also the institution of measures designed to further the objects and aims of the Order.

Grand Lodge guides the Masonic thought and moulds the Masonic character of all brethren within the jurisdiction, for both the present and the future. The duty, therefore, of laying foundations of honor, virtue and intelligence devolves upon us, and this duty should not be lightly regarded. You, who are the chosen representatives of the whole Body of the Craft, a fraternity which stands foremost among all the societies and orders that have ever been devised for the promotion of true fellowship among men, need no words of mine to stimulate your devotion to Masonic principles.

Loyalty to the interests of the fraternity necessarily includes the still greater idea of the advancement of human civilization and improvement. Historians and Masonic Archæologists have traced the services rendered to the world by Free Masonry in years long past, when the Mason's Lodge was the only place where men of all classes could meet on the level and endeavor to facilitate the progress of that freedom of thought and action we are now so fully enjoying. Even in those days of comparative darkness the silent but powerful influence of the Craft had its due effect, and we, who are living in the golden days of Freemasonry and basking in the blessed sunlight of liberty of conscience, owe a debt of gratitude to our predecessors, who adhered to the truth and disseminated its principles under such unfavorable and discouraging surroundings. Let their example stimulate us to still further exertions, and the remembrance of our rich heritage incite us to renewed efforts for the perpetuation and improvement of our glorious fraternity.

He mentions the death of two Past Grand Masters, Bro. James Seymour and Bro. Thomas White, and other Past Grand officers; congratulates the Grand Lodge upon the prosperity of the Craft; granted and refused dispensations to form new Lodges; laid several corner-stones; consecrated and dedicated several Lodges; stated that foreign relations have been most satisfactory; reported twelve decisions, in which we concur, and, after mentioning other official acts, concludes by stating that, after more than twenty years of official connection with the Grand Lodge, the time is at hand for him to transfer to his successor the duties and obligations of his most important position.

Proceedings are of local interest.

No Report on Correspondence.

R. T. Walkem, Q. C., of Kingstem, elected Grand Master. Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### COLORADO—1888.

The twenty-eighth annual Communication held at Denver, September 18th, 1888, Grand Master George K. Kimball presiding.

The first point noted in his address is the *Saloon Question*; that the P. M. Degree has no place in the Blue Lodge, and that non-payment of dues is a Masonic offense; recommends that the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be paid a salary; reports a number of dispensations and fifteen decisions, in which we concur.

An excellent address was delivered by Bro. Wm. D. Wright, Grand Orator. Proceedings of local interest.

Bro. J. H. Peabody presents one of his admirable Reports on Correspond-



ence, covering 91 pages; briefly reviews a large number of Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, North Carolina, 1888, among them, in which extracts from Grand Master Robinson's address are made.

Bro. William D. Todd elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### CONNECTICUT—1888.

Several emergent Communications are reported for the purpose of laying corner-stones and dedicating Lodge-rooms, at which some admirable addresses were delivered.

The *one hundredth* annual Communication held at Hartford on January 18, 1888, Grand Master Henry H. Green presiding. His address embraces matters of local interest only, except the following, which we deem it advisable to report for the information of this Jurisdiction:

#### THE LATE HIRAM LODGE, NO. 1.

It came to my knowledge that members of the late Hiram Lodge, No. 1, of New Haven, whose charter was revoked at the special session of the Grand Lodge held April 20th, continued to hold meetings, and claimed to do Masonic work. Under and by what authority they claim to be organized is unknown to us; but this much is known: that this Grand Lodge has the sole and exclusive Masonic jurisdiction in the State of Connecticut, and that, according to the universally accepted law, the said organization must be unmasonic. In consequence of the foregoing information, on the 18th day of July, A. L. 5887, I issued the following edict to the several Lodges in this jurisdiction, and also directed the Grand Secretary to forward copies of the same to each of the Grand bodies with which we are in correspondence:

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE, A. F. AND A. M.,  
*State of Connecticut,*

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,  
DANIELSONVILLE, July 18th. 1887.

*To the M. W. Wardens and Brethren of every Lodge in the State of Connecticut:*

*Whereas,* At a special Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, held at Hartford, April 20th. A. L. 5887, the charter of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, of New Haven, was revoked, and the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Secretary were expelled from Masonry for unmasonic conduct; and

*Whereas,* I am informed that late members of the said Hiram Lodge, or a portion of them, continue to hold meetings and claim to confer the degrees of Masonry without a warrant or charter, and in violation of all Masonic law and usage;

*Now, therefore,* I, Henry H. Green, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Connecticut, do hereby call the attention of the Craft to the afore-said action of the Grand Lodge, and, pursuant to the authority in me vested, do declare the said body calling itself Hiram Lodge, No. 1, to be clandestine, and all persons initiated therein are clandestine made Masons, and the brethren of this jurisdiction will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

The visiting of said body, or in any manner participating in its deliberations, is a Masonic offense, and will be treated as such.

H. H. GREEN, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

JOSEPH K. WHEELER,  
[SEAL] *Grand Secretary.*



We now enjoin upon you, my brethren, to be watchful and guarded lest the secrets of the Craft be unlawfully obtained through your unworthiness. Already we are assured that many who have been induced to connect themselves with this irregular and clandestine body have found out their mistake and regret their course, and it is fair to presume that as soon as it is found out that they neither are nor never can be recognized as Masons, the balance of them will conclude to lay aside all claims to be deemed Masons, and be content to attain that honor in a purely legitimate manner.

The Proceedings not of general interest.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler, and, as usual, is a very interesting review of all American jurisdictions, except Nevada and Ohio.

North Carolina, 1887, receives pleasant notice.

Bro. John W. Mix elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### DAKOTA—1888.

Fourteenth annual Communication held at Deadwood, June 12th, 1888, Grand Master Henry M. Wheeler presiding.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports a prosperous condition of affairs, membership increasing, there being one hundred Lodges in his jurisdiction; net membership, 4,051.

The financial condition appears to be good, too, from this *remarkable* and *most unusual* declaration: "This (amount collected) will be amply sufficient to discharge all the accrued indebtedness and leave a neat balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer."

Two decisions are given, both of which are at variance with Masonic law, in our opinion:

Q. Has a Lodge U. D. a right to discipline its members for unmasonic conduct?

A. Yes.

This question, I believe, has never before been raised in this jurisdiction. I know that the answer given is in contradiction to the prevailing custom in some sister jurisdictions, but it was rendered after much consideration, and, I hope after careful deliberation, will be concurred in by you. I think the condition of Lodges U. D. is too ill-defined and anomalous, and would favor the appointment of a committee to define the position and powers of a Lodge U. D.

Q. Is an applicant for the degree of Masonry, who has lost a single joint of the index finger of his right hand, suitable material?

A. Yes.

I cannot believe that absolute physical perfection is deemed essential by this Grand Body.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made an interesting report on "*What is Legitimate Masonry?*" and "*What is the Status of a Non-affiliate?*" which was adopted, the status of a non-affiliate being defined as follows:

1st. An unaffiliated Mason has no right to visit any one Lodge in this jurisdiction more than three times, nor can he be permitted to join in any Masonic

procession or participate in any festivity of the Lodge except by the courtesy thereof.

2d. He, or his family, can make no claim for charity upon the funds of the Lodge, but the same may be granted when thought just and proper. He is, however, bound to respond, so far as his ability permits, to the call of distress by an individual Mason, and they are in like manner bound to him.

3d. He has no right to Masonic burial, but the same may be given him by the Lodge at its discretion, if he has shown commendable zeal for the interests and adhered to the principles of the institution.

4th. He is subject to all Masonic obligations as a member of the fraternity at large, and, for any violation of the moral or Masonic law, subject to trial and discipline by the Lodge near which he sojourns or resides.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. F. J. Thompson, covering 183 pages, well written and interesting. Under the head of each Grand Jurisdiction, Bro. Thompson treats us to an extract from some poet, always pleasing—sometimes most appropriate, which shows him to be well read and of good taste. North Carolina (1888) receives poetic and Masonic notice.

Bro. John Q. A. Braden elected Grand Master. Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### DELAWARE—1887.

The eighty-first annual Communication opened in ample form at Wilmington, October 5th, 1887, by Grand Master George W. Marshall.

In his address the Grand Master says: "The system of Grand Representation is hardly as successful as it could be made," and recommends a term of three years. He presents a number of decisions governed by local laws, some of which seem to be, as he admits, against "the weight of Masonic opinion in other jurisdictions," and two of his decisions were not sustained.

The Report of Correspondence by Bro. T. N. Williams is very brief, covering 17 pages, North Carolina, 1887, being noticed.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1887.

Several special Communications. The seventy-seventh annual Communication held at Washington, November 9th, 1887, Grand Master Yznaga presiding.

The Grand Master's address is a report of official acts during the year, the decisions being governed by local laws.

The Report on Correspondence by Bro. W. R. Singleton is written with his acknowledged learning and ability, and contains a vast amount of valuable information, especially his comments (page 64) on the rebellion of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, against the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. It is an able discussion, and, we hope, will produce a good result where it is most needed.

North Carolina, 1887, briefly noticed.

Bro. Jesse W. Lee, Jr., elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

## ENGLAND—1887.

Quarterly Communications at London December 7, 1887, and March 7, 1888. At the last communication H. R. H. the Prince of Wales was re-elected Grand Master. Nothing of general interest in the Proceedings.

## FLORIDA—1888.

Special Communication at Bartow May 12th, 1887, for the purpose of laying corner-stone of Summerlin Institute. Excellent oration by P. G. M. Dawkins, who, on two hours' notice, filled the place of the Grand Orator (he failing to appear).

Fifty-ninth annual Communication at Jacksonville January 17th, 1888, Grand Master George S. Hallmark presiding. The Grand Master's address is devoted to local matters mostly, though the closing part treats of Masonry in general.

The proceedings relate to local matters.

The Grand Secretary's report opens in this way, which will no doubt accord with the experience of other Grand Secretaries:

At the end of twenty years' service in the office of Grand Secretary, I am before you with official report for the past year. And I am inadequate for the task, for I cannot tell you in detail all that I have done and written.

When one individual has continuously occupied the office of Grand Secretary of any M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in any one of these United States for so long a time, he draws about him, as a consequence, a world-wide personal acquaintanceship that is probably not so much concentrated in any other conceivable position. It brings to him increasing correspondence every year, and if even ordinary skill and industry be exercised, and being situated at the metropolitan city of our lovely Floral State, whose genial climate, fertile soil, semi-tropical productions and life-giving waters attract immigration from the States and Nations of the two hemispheres, the augmented increase of correspondence and the consequent personal attention to individual courtesies and fraternal kindness cannot be reported in detail without the production of a volume too large for you to print. And this is not all, or even the greatest consideration: in every State of this great Republic there are associations of men claiming to be Grand Bodies of Masons that are, from the standpoint of all our regular Grand Lodges, *irregular* and therefore *clandestine*, and from which our own are often distinguished in foreign countries by the long-continued individuality of the respective Grand Secretaries of the regular Grand Lodges, many of whom have been continued more than a quarter of a century, and a few of whom are approaching their semi-centennial period in office—venerable Keepers of the Seals of the venerable *sanctum sanctorum*. Such is the leading characteristic peculiarity of the regular Grand Lodges the world over, while on the other hand the *spurious* and *clandestine* are in constant turmoil and constantly changing, showing a striking want of stability.

The Report on Correspondence, by Bro. D. C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary, is one of the most concise yet readable reports we have seen, exhibiting great skill in the manner of selection and expression. He opens thus:

Your pen of Foreign Correspondence has so long been still that many may

have supposed it vanquished by non-usage. But not so; for your unrecorded but unanimously expressed desire a year ago for a report had only the effect of arousing involuntary inaction into the vigorous position of renewing and pursuing our long-cherished "labor of love."

In beginning this report we are not unaware of the magnitude of the undertaking; yet we dare not amass it and inspect it beforehand, lest we falter. One by one, therefore, shall we seek the tidings from abroad until we shall have gathered, in our feeble way, the sparkling jewels of mystic lore and wisdom from the intellectual offerings from all our sister Grand Lodges which, in due time, favor us with their latest doings.

In pursuing our work we shall gather all the mystic flowers that we can safely plant into a crowded space, and be as concise as possible in our own expressions, and thus save the expense of elaborate printing. And this of itself is taxing labor, upon the principle depicted by the man who said, "I write a long letter because I have not time to write a short one."

We tip our hat to our *correspondential fraters*, feeling that a fraternal bow is due upon stepping again into the circle of the quill.

North Carolina, 1887, is handsomely treated, and we extract the following:

After reading the Grand Master's Address, and deliberating upon the many subjects therein contained and so nicely handled, and then upon going to work to make up our mind what we should say about it, have concluded to let the committee to whom it was referred speak here, through its chairman, Past Grand Master Nichols, of whom we have many pleasant remembrances from a brief personal acquaintance.

Bro. Dawkins notices the petition sent up from the three Lodges in Wilmington in regard to restoration of members dropped for non-payment of dues, and says of the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The report of the committee sustained the position of the three Lodges, but the Grand Lodge maintained its majority law by a decided majority. The *lost cause* may feel that it ought to have succeeded by a *unanimous* vote.

And then adds the following:

The record of the case discloses no argument, *pro* or *con*, except such as may be gathered from the memorial, the most pertinent of which claims substantially that a Mason under penalty for non-payment of dues is in the same relative position of unaffiliation as a dimittee, which is decidedly erroneous. A Mason holding a dimit may apply to any Lodge he pleases for affiliation with it. If the Lodge refuses, it must return to him his unaccepted dimit, and he can apply to another and another, etc., and it is useless to argue that a Mason, out under penalty, can do any such thing.

This is a total misconception of the intent and meaning of the memorial, as a careful reading will show. The interpretation made by Bro. Dawkins surprises us and was never intended by the Lodges. All that was intended was what was said—"that when a member of a Lodge has lost his membership, either by taking a dimit or by allowing his name to be dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues, he becomes equally a non-affiliate," and therefore, as a dimitted brother, in order to regain his membership, is compelled to stand

a unanimous ballot, so, for a stronger reason, a brother who has allowed his name to be dropped should be compelled to do the same, especially as he stands, if anything, in a worse condition than the dimitted Mason. The memorial is not in any manner discussing the relative *rights* of the two classes, but merely their *status* with regard to the ballot, as stated above.

We agree with Bro. Dawkins in what he says about the rights of a dimitted Mason and one "out under penalty," applying for affiliation.

The Report on Correspondence is pronounced "a very clever review," and "both reporters (Bros. Bain and Cowan) good writers."

We part with reluctance from our pleasant Brother of the Land of Flowers.

Bro. N. R. Carter elected Grand Master and the Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### GEORGIA—1887.

The one hundred and first annual Communication held at Macon, October 25th, 1887, Grand Master John S. Davidson presiding.

His address is a well written paper. Among the eleven decisions reported, the following strikes us with astonishment, as contrary to what we thought was well-settled law and usage:

5. Any member of a Lodge in good standing is eligible to the office of Master, and, under our law, he need never have held either an elective or appointive office. This decision has been made a number of times during the year.

He mentions the following interesting historical facts:

It may not be known to many of the brethren, but the present year marks an important epoch in the history of Freemasonry within this jurisdiction. One hundred years ago—1786—the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which, from 1735, exercised its Masonic powers under the direct authority of the original Grand Lodge of England, severed its connection with that body, and, under the leadership of William Stephens, a distinguished citizen and Mason, as its Grand Master, began its existence as an independent sovereign.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made an interesting report upon several important matters, which was adopted.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. J. E. Blackshear, chairman of the committee, though it appears to be the joint production of several. It is well written, abounding in good selections and judicious, sometimes spicy, comments.

North Carolina, 1887, receives very liberal notice. Grand Master Busbee's address quoted from; two of his decisions pronounced contrary to Masonic law; the memorial of the three Lodges at Wilmington set forth at length, and the Report on Foreign Correspondence commented upon, and an excuse offered for an omission to notice North Carolina in a former Report.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.



## IDAHO—1888.

Special Communication June 25th, to dedicate hall of Weiser Lodge. The twenty-first annual Communication at Boise, September 11th, 1888, opened in ample form by Grand Master Edward A. Stevenson.

The Grand Master presents a fine address, in which we find much that pleases us. The Craft seems to be in a prosperous condition, and, from the number of dedications of new halls, Lodges constituted, etc., is evidently growing. The decisions accord with our views, and we fully concur in the following, the law in this jurisdiction:

I think it would be for the best interests of Masonry in this jurisdiction if a copy of the charges, answers and the entire evidence in all Masonic trials should be forwarded to the Grand Lodge, together with the action of the Lodge on the evidence. There is no question as to the Grand Lodge having full authority to set aside an acquittal and render such judgment as it deems proper; and, in my judgment, the Grand Lodge should send no case back for new trial except for the purpose of receiving evidence that was not admitted, or when evidence had been admitted which ought to have been excluded, so that, on the second trial, the case will be heard on different evidence from that on the first trial.

I hope the Grand Lodge will take such action at this session as will assume entire control over all cases of Masonic trials, and approve or disapprove of the action of the constituent Lodges in all cases of acquittal or conviction.

*Uniformity of work* seems to be an agitated matter there, as elsewhere, and of this he says:

A uniformity of work is certainly desirable. Whatever ritual or work we may have, it should be sensible and given with dignity, and teach the neophyte the great, pure and truthful lessons of the Craft. During the past year it has been my privilege to observe the Masonry of several States, and we have found a union in diversity that was sometimes most pleasing and instructive. Above all else, we should select intelligent, thoughtful, moral and manly men for Masters and Wardens, then our young Masons will not lack for sufficient example and instruction in the great tenets and principles of Freemasonry.

We particularly commend and endorse the following:

## THE SECRET BALLOT.

My attention has been frequently called (unofficially) to a practice said to sometimes occur in Masonic Lodges when rejected applicants have been apprised of the result of the ballot and the supposed names of those who voted against them. The secret ballot is the foundation upon which the superstructure of Freemasonry is founded, and *is* and *must* be sacred..

No brother should seek to know how another voted, and if he should happen to know, he has no right to communicate that knowledge (or even suspicion) to any person. It is a Masonic offence for a Mason to make known to any one even his own ballot.

Every Worshipful Master of a Masonic Lodge should prohibit any discussion as to how members have or may vote, and no inquiry into the ballot should ever be allowed under any circumstances whatever. It is to be hoped that no Mason would ever so far forget his *manhood* and his *Masonic obligations* as to use the *sacred ballot* for *selfish* or *revengeful purposes*. After the ballot has been

taken, EXAMINED and result ANNOUNCED by the Master, it is final and conclusive; nor can it be set aside by the LODGE, MASTER, GRAND MASTER, or the GRAND LODGE.

And this:

It is certainly a gratification to every brother to know and to feel that Masonry stands to-day, as in the past, pre-eminent above and beyond all other fraternal societies. The ties that bind us together are indissoluble, and no human authority can loosen or dissolve them. Neither priest, bishop, pope, king, or other earthly power can absolve us from obedience to our laws, rules and regulations, which we have all voluntarily assumed and promised to obey. Peace and harmony must live, govern and rule in all our Lodges. By this means our fraternity has withstood all opposition, oppression, intolerance, bigotry and persecution it has met in past ages; so, too, will it continue to grow and prosper in the future. Every true Mason, of whatever clime, knows, believes, feels and understands the responsibility resting upon him to transmit unimpaired to posterity the noble tenets and teachings of Freemasonry. This is the motto of every true Mason. No jot or tittle of our ancient Order shall ever be altered or changed. *Freemasonry is unchangeable and indestructible.*

The Grand Secretary, in his report, refers to the *status* of a Mason who demits from one Lodge, and, applying for membership in another, is rejected, and recommends that "if nothing is found against him but the mere fact of his non-affiliation, he ought to be accepted," and that the By-Laws requiring a *demit* to accompany an application ought to be changed, and applications be made upon *certificates of good standing from his Lodge*, so that, in case of rejection, he may fall back upon his membership in his original Lodge.

Upon this the Committee on Jurisprudence report as follows, which was adopted:

With reference to the memorial of Brother -----, your committee cannot agree with the Grand Secretary that a change in our By-Laws would remedy the matter. No petition for degrees or affiliation can be received without the unanimous consent of the Lodge. The brother petitioning for membership, and being black-balled, is simply deprived of membership in that particular Lodge. He may petition the same Lodge at the next meeting, and as often as he chooses. The ballot is secret and sacred, and this Grand Lodge cannot compel a constituent Lodge to accept any Mason if there is one member who objects, nor can a member be compelled to disclose how he votes or give his reasons therefor. There are cases of hardship, but they are the exceptions, and not the general rule. If every Mason was thoroughly imbued with the principles of Masonry, and exemplified those principles in his daily life, there would be but little cause for complaint. Your committee are unable to see the hardships in our affiliation laws as seen by the Grand Secretary. If a Mason is not accepted by a Lodge, he can enjoy all the privileges of Masonry except membership in that particular Lodge by paying dues to the Lodge. Time and a faithful discharge of Masonic duties will win the good opinion of all, so that he can affiliate. Your committee do not recommend any change in our By-Laws at this time. Your committee recommend that a committee of three be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to examine this matter more fully, and report on the first day of the session of the next Grand Lodge.

The same committee made another report, but it does not appear what was done with it.

A short but admirable Report on Correspondence is presented by Bro. Charles C. Stevenson, in which are many good things sharply put. We select the following, as it relates to an important matter, wishing to present the views of the Reporters generally upon this subject, for the consideration of this jurisdiction, without being held to an endorsement of any by so doing. He says, under DAKOTA, reviewing Bro. Thompson's review of *Connecticut*:

Under Connecticut:

"We are glad to note that the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence against the following resolution was adopted: '*Resolved, That no Lodge shall grant a dimit to any member until he has been accepted by another Lodge.*' We take issue with Brother Thompson on his believing that were such a measure adopted it would tend to prevent the wholesale dropping of Masons into that class known as 'non-affiliates.'"

Idaho agrees with you, but the time will come when she will have to change. We do not want to cry "wolf," but the standing of Masonry is endangered. Do you regard every non-affiliate as an enemy of our fraternity? We do, and for good reasons. As the law now is, many a good Mason is compelled to remain a non-affiliate. He takes his dimit from his Lodge, ceases his membership, petitions another Lodge, is rejected through spite, or prejudice, or crankism, and where is he? A non-affiliate, and, nine times out of ten, will so remain.

If the resolution proposed in Connecticut were adopted in every Grand Lodge, would not the case be different? Then the statement, "Once a Mason, always a Mason," would not be an idle jest, as it now is. Why, some jurisdictions even go so far as to deny a non-affiliate the rights of visitation, relief, or burial. Yet he is a Mason, and you cannot deny it. Is this right or just?

North Carolina, 1888, receives fraternal attention.

Grand Master Robinson's address is commended and endorsed, and thus he says:

Brother Bain presents the Report on Foreign Correspondence, in which Idaho is briefly noted. He differs with Past Grand Master Davis in regard to objection to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice. Idaho's Constitution and By-Laws lay out the course to be pursued, and we think they provide ample protection for both the Lodge and the Entered Apprentice. In Idaho but one ballot is required for all of the degrees, and a fair ballot *entitles* the applicant to all of them unless objection is raised in the constitutional manner.

We agree with Brother Bain in his tilt with Iowa over the restoration of members who have been suspended for non-payment of dues.

We leave this able report with positive sadness, for Brother Bain has presented so many choice nuts to crack that the feast is an unusually pleasant one. But time and space compel us to hasten on, taking comfort in the knowledge that the brother will be on deck again next year.

[Bro. Martin, of the Committee, is alone deserving of the pleasant notice above given.—GRAND SECRETARY.]

Thanks, Bro. Stevenson, for your kind expressions, and this *writer* sincerely hopes that Bro. Bain will long "be on deck" to guide and advise in our affairs.

Bro. John Hunter elected Grand Master. Grand Secretary re-elected.

## ILLINOIS—1888.

The forty-ninth annual Communication was held at Chicago, October 2, 1888.

Grand Master John C. Smith's address is quite long but interesting. After declaring his belief in the prerogatives of Grand Masters, he pays fitting tribute to the Fraternal Dead, P. G. M. William Lavelly, of that jurisdiction, and others, pronounces the condition of the Craft excellent, and Masonic relations amicable; reports nine decisions governed by local law; and discusses several other matters of interest to that jurisdiction; the whole address showing that the Grand Master of Illinois has lots to attend to.

Bro. Joseph Robbins presented a valuable report in reference to the so-called Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, and recommended that it be not recognized. Adopted.

Bro. George C. Lorimer, Grand Orator, delivered an eloquent address on "Wisdom, Thought and Beauty."

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Joseph Robbins, P. G. M., who, after retirement for eight years, again assumes the pen of a reviewer.

The Report covers 235 pages and is one of the finest and most comprehensive we have read. Each jurisdiction receives elaborate and extended review, and the comments are valuable for the style and information contained.

North Carolina, 1888, is among those reviewed, and he says:

The Grand Master sensibly enforces the idea that because Lodges cannot have everything it is no reason why they should not have something.

The one thing that our North Carolina brethren carry always in their hearts is, as the Grand Master intimates above, the Orphan Asylum at Oxford.

Quotes decisions of Grand Master, and to No. 2 gives an exception, as follows:

2d. Can a Lodge dimitting a member bring charges against him for an offense alleged to have been committed before the dimit was granted?

*Held.* That it can. [Mitchell's Digest, Vol 2, page 577.]

The exception to No. 2, we should say, would be where the brother had moved into the jurisdiction of some other Lodge, and that body had already begun proceedings against him for the same offense.

Mentions our action in regard to members excluded for non-payment of dues, and other matters. Speaks kindly of the report on correspondence (for which we thank him), but says:

The committee seem a little inclined to provincialism—rather disposed to try the correctness of things elsewhere by the law and the customs of North Carolina, but we doubt not they will soon outgrow that and weigh things for their intrinsic value.

We are at a loss to know what our learned brother means by "*provincialism*" in Masonry. Where is the *Metropolis*? We were not aware of the disposition on our part to try things "by the law and customs of *North Carolina*," our full intention being to test them by what we believed to be the landmarks,



customs and usages of the *Fraternity*. But we do think and believe that our local laws and customs conform more closely to those landmarks, customs and usages than is the case in some other Grand Jurisdictions, and this identity doubtless led the Brother into the mistake as to our criterion.

Again he says, alluding no doubt to our criticism under MAINE:

Ask if the deposit anywhere of a guide to the work is not contrary to the ancient rules of the Fraternity and a violation of obligation, overlooking the fact that all "monitors" are guides to the work.

We did not everlook "*monitors*" as being guides to the work; and if the Brother had done us the favor to read carefully what we did say and its connection we do not think he would have made the remark. Neither the Grand Lodge of Maine, Bro. Drummond nor ourselves were thinking of "*monitors*." Look again, Bro. R.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### INDIANA—1888.

The sixty-seventh annual Communication, held at Indianapolis May 22d, 1888, Grand Master Mortimer Nye presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is interesting, and of the Order he speaks in eloquent terms, stating the condition of the Craft to be excellent. Of the "Powers of the Grand Master" he speaks thus:

The idea seems to prevail in the minds of many members of the Fraternity that the Grand Master has the power at will to set aside any provision of the Constitution or standing rule or regulation of the Grand Lodge—in fact, that the Grand Master is the Grand Lodge to all intents and purposes, and often the most persistent efforts are employed to induce the Grand Master to do so. To all applications of this character I have earnestly endeavored to impress upon the minds of Masons the fact that the Grand Master possesses no power of such a character; that he is not the Grand Lodge; that it is as much his duty to obey the law as the most obscure member of a Subordinate Lodge, and, in fact, more so, because it is his duty to enforce obedience to the laws of the Grand Lodge, and it would be in exceeding bad taste for him to be guilty of the violation of law or the usurpation of power not specially conferred upon him. I have therefore been compelled very many times to refuse Lodges dispensations to remove from one town to another, to march on Decoration Day, make Masons without legs and arms, meet in halls occupied by other societies, and, in fact, to violate nearly every rule for the government of Subordinate Lodges. Most applications for special dispensations have been refused, and very few indeed have been granted. I shall always be ready to advocate the proposition that the Grand Master is not the Grand Lodge.

Eight corner-stones were laid during the year, and several Lodges constituted and dedicated. No decisions are reported, but he does report that in two years he received more than *two thousand* letters—and answered them.

He says, which we approve, the evil existing in this jurisdiction:

A very peculiar practice has been gaining a foothold in the State, to which I now invite your attention. Some of the Lodges and a few of the brethren have been sending out printed circulars asking charity, in some cases to rebuild a home destroyed by fire, buy a span of horses, pay off a mortgage, and in one case to pay a security debt of three hundred dollars, and asking the Lodges to contribute a dollar or two toward the enterprise. I have in some cases given the Lodges to understand, in a very positive manner, that this method of raising money did not meet with my approval. I suggest that the Grand Lodge adopt some rule relative thereto.

A very interesting paper on "*Indiana Masonry*" was read by P. G. M. Robert Van Valzah, which contains much valuable information.

The Grand Lodge determined to hold hereafter annual Communications.

Bro. Simeon S. Johnson presents the Report on Correspondence, covering 111 pages, of which the Proceedings of North Carolina for 1886, 1887 and 1888 receive collectively one-and-a-half pages. Of one of the decisions of Grand Master Busbee, 1887, he says:

Among his decisions the Grand Master says: "An officer-elect can be installed by proxy when he is unavoidably absent, but not against his protest." We do not believe in any such theory as that. We have heard of a man being married by proxy, but never had much faith in the story; but we have this assertion by authority. Installation is, in one respect, for the benefit of the officer as well as a custom, and we do not believe in any *such* "proxy business."

The brother says, "We do not believe in any such *theory* as that," and intimates that the decision is without authority. What has he to say to Article XXXVI, ANCIENT CONSTITUTIONS, which expressly provides for *installation by proxy* in the absence of an officer-elect? and Mackey's "*Masonic Jurisprudence*, page 297?

Bro. Isaac P. Leyden elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### INDIAN TERRITORY—1888.

The fourteenth annual Communication held at Fort Gibson, November 6th, 1888, Grand Master F. H. Nash present.

In his address he mentions membership as increasing; that he granted some dispensations and laid some corner-stones; reports ten decisions and some other matters of local interest.

The Proceedings show that a "committee was appointed upon the proposition to found and establish a Masonic Orphanage." Noble work, and may every success attend the effort.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bros. Murrow, Hill and Ross, and the work of each bears his *mark*. The report covers 85 pages, and reviews fifty Grand Bodies.

North Carolina, 1888, is noticed by Bro. Ross in a kindly manner.

Grand Master Robinson's address said to be "a beautiful little address," and quoted from.

Bro. John Rennie elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.



## IOWA—1888.

A steel engraving of M. W. Edwin C. Blackmar, Grand Master, is the frontispiece of the volume—young and handsome.

Forty-fifth annual Communication at Cedar Rapids, June 5th, 1888, Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Master's address is very fine, and, after opening, he strikes first "*The New Constitution and Code*," and says, among other things:

It will, no doubt, be a *surprise* to many of you to be informed that our present Constitution, with a few slight amendments, is *forty-four years old*, and that our By-Laws have not been revised for *twenty-two years*!

Contemplate the wonderful growth of our membership and increase of Lodges in the jurisdiction during that time! From ninety Lodges and a membership of two thousand two hundred and fourteen in 1856, we have increased the number of our Lodges to over four hundred and forty, and the membership to some twenty-two thousand, to this date. With such a remarkable growth, is it any wonder that our necessities for more adequate laws have correspondingly increased?

He next takes up "*Grand Master's Prerogatives*," and reaches the conclusion:

That my powers were only such as were expressed by the provisions of our own laws, and that no emergency could possibly arise which would justify me in authorizing a deviation therefrom.

He also informs us that the *General Regulations* of 1721 do not have any force in that jurisdiction.

On "*Physical Qualification*" he says:

Finding this question likely to be the basis of continued inquiry, and there being no express provisions of law in this jurisdiction upon the subject, I finally deemed it advisable to issue a circular-letter to all the Lodges, defining what I conceived to be the *common law* on the subject, as interpreted and promulgated by our Grand Lodge at various times, and adhered to, not only here, but almost universally. I therefore sent a circular to each Lodge, in which I quoted from the "*Ancient Constitutions*" the law as therein expressed, and added my own interpretation of its import, in the following language: "That all such maims or defects in the physical organization of the man, whether it be a natural deformity or the result of accident or other misfortune, in consequence of which he is incapable of conforming to the requirements of all our ceremonies, would render him unsuitable material." I also stated that "the right to interpret the law is unquestionably vested in the Master and his Lodge (subject to discipline for an erroneous interpretation thereof), and if they err therein by accepting as proper material a man so defective as to debar him from performing any part of the ceremonies or Lodge work, they alone must suffer the consequences." I further stated that, in my opinion, the Grand Master has no power to authorize, by special dispensation, a disregard of the law as thus interpreted.

Many other subjects of local interest take up the balance of the address.

The Grand Secretary begins a Report on Fraternal Dead, or "*Mortality*," as he has it, in the following beautiful strain:

How painfully sad is the thought that swells up in our bosom each year as we meet and find our table garlanded with flowers—"God's emblems of spring," and typical of a new and happy life—to realize that the fragrance of these flowers symbolizes the incense of loving hearts sprinkled over the graves of loved ones who ne'er may meet us again. So it is, and so it must ever be. The years come and they go; and, as the flowers fade and die away, so pass from our midst to the silent "cities of the dead" the faces and forms of those so loved in life from personal associations, or held to memory dear by fame and service, perhaps (as is often the case with us), from long and familiar association and correspondence on familiar subjects, whereby we have come to love, as to know, many of them for their excellency of heart and manly deeds. We pause once again, as on many an occasion before, to pay a fitting tribute to the memory of those who have gone before, and lay upon their graves the flowers of a loving heart. Masonry fades not in life, but blooms on through the future of a brighter and better world. The time and the occasion is eminently proper wherein we should pause a moment from the graver labors of the hour and devote a brief space of time to thought and singing the praises of the dead.

"Alas for those who never sing,  
But die with all their music in them."

The Grand Secretary's Report is very interesting, and we congratulate him with heartfelt emotion that he lived to see the "ides of March," and was, on that day, fifty years a Mason. The event was celebrated by a well-deserved gift to the venerable Grand Secretary, presented in an appropriate, chaste and eloquent speech by Bro. Clark Varnum, to which the donee replied most feelingly.

The Committee on Correspondence presented a resolution, recognizing the Grand Lodge of Victoria, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. No report from that committee.

Bro. T. S. Parvin, of course, presents the Report on Correspondence, and comes up to his usual high standard. Under ARIZONA, Bro. Parvin says, reviewing the Report on Correspondence:

Under the head of Nevada he refers to two questions that are now being discussed. The *first* is, whether it is proper, at a Masonic funeral, to permit others to act as pall-bearers who are not Masons; the *second*, whether, while performing the funeral ceremony, the Lodge should be at labor or refreshment. Without entering into a discussion at this time of either of these questions, we yet venture an opinion that it is both Masonic and eminently proper, in many cases, to permit persons who are not Masons to act as pall-bearers. A few years since, we were called upon to conduct the funeral services of a Past Grand Master of this jurisdiction, who was at the same time a prominent officer of the Episcopal Church in the city of his residence. The services were held in the church, the religious services being conducted by the rector of the church, when, at their conclusion, we conducted the Masonic services. The brother had, in life, designated who he wished to act as pall-bearers, selecting them from the church as well as his Lodge.

And we here put it upon record that when such services shall be performed over our remains, we wish a portion of the pall-bearers to be taken from the church with which we are connected, and we have little regard for the narrow-mindedness of the Mason who preaches such exclusiveness on such occasions. If only Masons are admitted to the Kingdom of Heaven, it might be well that their escort be confined exclusively to Masons.

This surprised us when we read it, but, as we advanced further on in the report and saw what we did see, especially on pages 115 and 116, we would not have been surprised to find, ere the report closed, Bro. Parvin asserting that Masonry does not teach the existence of a God.

Young in years as we are, we still have some of the confidence of childhood, in the "Faith of our Fathers," and the traditions and teachings handed down to us, venerable with age, by the great forefathers of Masonry and taught to us by as great *Masons* as Bro. Parvin or any he names. And sorry shall we be when age and *too much learning* lead us to deny it all and proclaim to the world that all is a "snare and a delusion"—the dream of fools, unworthy the confidence of sensible men. This is the beginning of the end, and the iconoclasts of to-day may reasonably hope to see the success of their work—and that *end*.

Of North Carolina, 1888, he speaks most pleasantly, saying many kind things, like the following:

This old Grand Lodge is the great-grandmother of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. In that time we trace our genealogy directly to and through Missouri and Tennessee to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and then to the Grand Lodge of England of 1717. Since we discovered this close relationship we have felt a greater reverence for the Grand Lodge of the Old North State, and a warmer feeling for Brother Bain, its estimable Grand Secretary, who is, indeed, the son of his father, who was his immediate predecessor in the Grand Secretariat.

He compliments Grand Master Robinson's address, and says:

Under the head of "Decisions," he presents only four, and in about eight lines—an infinite relief to the reviewer and the seeker of light on dark subjects in all jurisdictions. We know of no place wherein a Grand Master can so well illustrate his common sense, good judgment and power of condensation as in the presentation of this subject. Some Grand Masters have the unhappy faculty of hiding the truth in the multitude of their counsel, like some of old Job's friends.

Of the Report on Correspondence he says:

The Report on Correspondence this year was prepared by Brother Bain, Grand Secretary, and is, as he tells us, his first effort, and a very good one it is. He has considerable to say, and excerpts still more within the limits of eighty pages. Young as he is in the work of reviewing, he does not hesitate to cross lances with such veterans as Brother Drummond, Brother Vincil and others.

In his review of Connecticut, he regrets and deplores the condition of affairs in that jurisdiction, and hopes the day is not far distant when peace and harmony will again prevail. As he progresses further on in the alphabetical arrangement of States, he takes courage and speaks his mind more freely, and, had the difficulties there spoken of occurred in a jurisdiction beginning with M., P., or W., he would undoubtedly have told us that the subordinate Lodge was entirely in the wrong, and the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge must be upheld.

[The Grand Secretary here gives Bro. Martin credit for the report.]

He is entirely correct in his surmise as to our opinion in the Connecticut matter, and our only reason for not so saying was deference to the Grand Lodge,

whose action, we thought, ought to settle the matter with all, and there was no occasion for expressing our opinion.

We thank him for his courteous treatment, and Bro. Bain will attend to the "headlight business."

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### KANSAS—1888.

The thirty-second annual Communication at Junction City, February 15, 1888, Grand Master Henry C. Cook present.

The Grand Master states in his address that the fraternal relations are of the most satisfactory character; presents the report of the committee which attended the Masonic Congress at Chicago June 22d, 1887; cites many dispensations to form new Lodges, confer degrees and to elect and install officers; reports six decisions, which are in accord with our views; and the number and locations of corner-stones laid, with other matters of local interest.

Among the proceedings we find an interesting address by Bro. Owen A. Bassett, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, before the Grand Lodge of Kansas, concerning the difficulty with Hiram Lodge No. 1, which, being referred to the Committee on Correspondence, they reported as follows, which was adopted:

##### *To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kansas:*

Your Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Representative of Connecticut and so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to the unfortunate troubles now existing in the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, have had the same under consideration and now ask leave to report—

We have carefully and considerably examined all the documents placed in our hands touching a very unpleasant subject (one we most heartily regret exists), and find as follows:

*First.* That the charter of the late Hiram Lodge, No. 1, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, has been revoked by said Grand Lodge for gross and wilful violation of its laws, and treating those in authority in a contemptuous and unmasonic manner, and unbecoming all loyal and true Masons.

*Second.* We find that the late Hiram Lodge, No. 1, has been and is now, in open violation and defiance of every principle of Masonic law and usage, adopted for the government of Freemasonry, and practiced by all lawfully-constituted Grand Lodges on this continent, is meeting as an independent Lodge of A. F. and A. M., conferring degrees and transacting business, claiming the same to be regular and authorized, all to the great scandal and disgrace of our Masonic Institution.

*Third.* From all the facts gathered by your committee in this case, they are clearly of the opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, in revoking the charter of the late Hiram Lodge, No. 1, for its contumacious and unmasonic conduct, is justifiable, and should be sustained and approved by this Grand Lodge. We therefore submit the following resolutions and recommend their adoption:

*Resolved,* That the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kansas, A. F. and A. M., do hereby sustain and approve the action of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Connec-



ticut, in revoking the charter of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, of that Grand Jurisdiction and disciplining its members for contumacious and unmasonic conduct.

*Resolved*, That all members of Lodges working under authority granted by the Grand Lodge of Kansas, are hereby strictly forbidden to admit as visitors, or in any manner hold Masonic intercourse with any visitor claiming to be a member of the late Hiram Lodge, No. 1, unless such visitor first produce a certificate from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, under seal, showing that he is a Master Mason in good standing, and loyal to said Grand Lodge.

We find the following resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut at the time of the revocation of the charter of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, and we include it in this report for the information of Lodges and which will show the cases in which the resolutions of non-intercourse are not to apply:

*Resolved*, That all Masonic intercourse be and the same is hereby forbidden with any member of said Hiram Lodge, No. 1, of New Haven, until he declare his allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and promise obedience thereto. Such declaration and promise must be filed with each Lodge visited, or the same may be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary, who is hereby authorized to issue a certificate of such filing, and the production of such certificate shall be sufficient evidence of compliance with this resolution.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN H. BROWN, *Chairman*.

A fine oration was delivered by Bro. Thomas W. Barry, Grand Orator.

A most excellent Report on Correspondence comes from Bro. John H. Brown, which we have read with much pleasure, agreeing most generally with the sound views expressed, finding here and there, however, opinions not exactly in accordance with our own.

North Carolina, 1887, receives most liberal attention, Grand Master Busbee's address and the Centennial Oration being commended and extracts made therefrom.

Bro. Watson M. Lamb elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### KENTUCKY—1888.

The eighty-ninth annual Communication held at Louisville October 16, 1888, Grand Master J. S. Smith present.

His address covers 27 pages, and embraces many subjects. He holds "that the P. M. degree is necessary to be taken by the W. M. of a Lodge before he can act;" reports 53 decisions, governed in a great measure by local law, and says of "*Our Home*," their Orphan Asylum:

This great and noble charity is still flourishing, as it ought to be. It is the crown of Kentucky Masonry—the finishing touch to our edifice of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Let me urge on every one of you to go and inspect it. No Mason in this jurisdiction has ever truly enjoyed his Masonry, or felt the real significance of its teachings, until he has gone to this institution and felt the tears well into his eyes when he looked into the bright faces of these children, who would be left desolate but for His love and the all-embracing arm of Masonic charity. They have not the furtive glances of the outcast, nor the shuffling uneasiness of the tramp. They look straight into the Mason's eye without fear of harm, because they know he has become a father to the father-

less. They nestle their little cheeks against his heart because they know he loves them. Go and see them at their Home, my brothers, and you will be the better for it. They will appear before you this afternoon, and not one of you should be out of his place. In their innocence you may renew your youth, and you may gladden your hearts in contemplation of their beauty and their happiness.

He alludes to the death of Bro. Rob. Morris, P. G. M., to which the committee added a most appropriate and beautiful report.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bros. Hiram Bassett, James W. Staton and Henry B. Grant, committee, 152 pages. North Carolina, 1888, is reviewed by Bro. Grant, to whom we return thanks for the fraternal notice.

Bro. James D. Black elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### LOUISIANA—1888.

Special Communication in Tallulah, June 1st, 1887. Grand Master C. F. Buck presiding, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the court-house.

The seventy-sixth annual Communication held at New Orleans, February 13th, 1888, Grand Master Buck presiding.

His address is an able paper, and contains much that is most commendable. Passing over much that relates to things more or less of local interest, we select the following, on "*Life Membership*":

It has long since been almost universally conceded that introduction of the feature of *life membership* into our Lodges was detrimental to their prosperity. This discovery is not limited to this jurisdiction; it has been made everywhere, and everywhere the Lodges are struggling to relieve themselves from its pernicious effects. I do not hesitate to assert that the whole principle on which life membership seems to have been based is radically fallacious. So far as it may have been considered an inducement to make men join our Order, it was unworthy of Masonry; if a bait to hold them in membership, equally beneath comment. What, then, was the idea? A reward for continued fidelity to the Lodge; that brethren who had paid dues for a period of years had done enough for the Lodge to have earned the privilege of remaining in membership for the rest of their natural lives, without paying any more. This was deemed an act of justice to the brother, but the justice due to the Lodge was altogether overlooked. It was forgotten that the dues do not provide for the future, but are nothing but the necessary contribution to maintain the Lodge and answer such reasonable calls on its charity, which, if well founded, every Lodge or its members should be able to respond to. They are but a small compensation, currently paid, for the privilege of enjoying the benefits of Masonry, and the reasons for such payment are as great in the case of a brother's twentieth year of membership as they were in his first. I do not mean to say that it is not proper and even desirable for a Lodge, if able, to make some concessions to members who have been faithful to their obligations for many years, but life membership, as a rule, is conclusively demonstrated to destroy the benefit it is intended to confer, by destroying the Lodges themselves. It is always in the power of the Lodges to remit dues or make general or special concessions, according to circumstances and desert; but, as matter of law, all distinctions between the brethren should be stricken from the Constitutions and By-Laws of our constituent bodies.

On the vexed question of *Exclusive Jurisdiction*, when commenting upon the England-Quebec matter, he says:



I have not the time to follow out the growth of the history of exclusive territorial Grand Lodge jurisdiction, but such jurisdiction is far from being a principle and, much less, a landmark of Masonry itself. With us, in these United States, the Grand Lodge's territorial jurisdiction easily and naturally regulates itself by the political boundaries, and an invasion of the jurisdiction of one by another would be promptly resented by all; but not because "exclusive" jurisdiction is held to spring from the nature of Masonry itself, but because it had been universally recognized by us as incident to the political and geographical integrity of the parts composing the entire country. It is a question of courtesy and concession, not of right. In the abstract, Masonry is above geographical boundaries, and exclusive jurisdiction is nothing but a conventionality to be more or less rigorously insisted upon, according to circumstances.

And upon the *State of the Order* he says, among other things, which please us:

Behind all our lethargy, our failures and disappointments—behind even the deserted Lodge-room, the surrendered charter, the mass of indifferent Masons(?) who abandoned the "fold," there remains Masonry itself, inviolable, indestructible, as potent for good among "three" or "five" or "seven" only as among so many hundreds. And as long as any respectable number of men, indifferent to outward show or material success, will devote themselves to the study and transmission of Masonry, it will remain in its purity and usefulness and beauty.

Masonry today, in the world at large, stands on more elevated ground than ever before since its known history. In the great contentions of modern development, the whirl of this progressive but essentially *materialistic* progressive age, Masonry might appear a beneficial and peace-bearing factor. It is foreign to the very essence of its being to mingle in the special contentions of men; it places itself, from a purely human standpoint of course, above religion, creed, nationality or faction. Its philosophy consecrates the logic of nature, its morality the commands of universal conscience. But, indirectly, through its sublime teachings, it disseminates those safeguards of justice, moderation and equality through which an equitable basis of adjustment is easily found to harmonize the conflicting interests in which the desires and ambitions of men engage our race. Equality absolute, justice unassailable, peace universal are the super-structure—a temple not made with hands, but living in our hearts—which should ascend to heaven on the columns of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. This consummation is attained when the truths taught on our tessellated floors and under our emblematic vaults are made vital factors in the work of the Great Architect's Lodge-room, universal nature.

Local matters engaged the attention of the Grand Lodge.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows, chairman of the committee, who, departing from the established form, divides his report under certain heads or topics, citing thereunder the views expressed by the Reporters of the several Grand Jurisdictions, with comments of his own. The several topics are very ably discussed, but, like Bro. Cunningham of Ohio, we do not admire this form of Reports, nor is it, as he says, a report of the *proceedings* of other Grand Lodges.

North Carolina is cited twice—once under the head of "*The Social Features of Masonry*," and again under "*Non-affiliation and Restoration to Membership*."

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

## MAINE—1888.

The sixty-ninth annual Communication was held at Portland May 1st, 1888, Grand Master Frank E. Sleeper presiding.

The Grand Master presented an interesting address, in which he notes, among other things, the death of P. G. M. Timothy Joy Murray and Bro. Joseph R. Bodwell, Governor of Maine; his edict forbidding Masonic intercourse with persons hailing from Hiram Lodge, No. 1, Connecticut; that he had "made no decisions sufficiently new or original to be reported here;" the granting of dispensations, laying of corner-stones, and other matters of interest. The Proceedings relate to local matters.

Bro. Drummond, as usual, presents one of his able and valuable Reports on Correspondence, full of most excellent matter. There are many things in this report which we would like to extract, but must forego the pleasure for lack of time and space, though we thank him for having furnished them for our perusal and instruction.

North Carolina, 1888, receives extended notice, extracts being made from Grand Master Robinson's address, from the Grand Secretary's Report, and our Proceedings. The Report on Correspondence also receives attention and kindly criticism, some of our views being endorsed.

Bro. Drummond remarks:

Our Brother holds that no appeal lies from a verdict of "Not Guilty." Will he give us his reason why erroneous rulings in matters of law in *favor* of the accused, as well as against, should not be corrected? Or why, as often happens, when a Lodge, through sympathy, or some invalid reasons, acquits an accused in spite of the evidence, he should escape punishment? We fraternally refer him to our discussion of the matter in our review of Iowa.

We have no reason to give why erroneous rulings in matters of law in favor of the accused, as well as against, should not be corrected, or why an accused, in spite of evidence, should escape punishment, because we do not hold that way, and the intimation above that we do, is not a correct statement of our position. We do hold that no appeal by an *accuser* lies from a verdict of Not Guilty, as the law stands in this jurisdiction. Article XIII, Sec. 5, of The Masonic Code of North Carolina, provides as follows:

"In every case of suspension or expulsion a transcript of all the proceedings of the Lodge, embracing the charges, specifications, evidence on both sides, verdict upon each charge or specification, and the sentence, shall be sent up, under seal of the Lodge, attested by the Secretary, to the ensuing annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, for examination, and to be confirmed or reversed."

And Article XIV, Section 7, provides for an appeal by the *accused* only.

Therefore, as the Grand Lodge can review the Proceedings, all errors of law and illegal action by subordinate Lodges can be corrected. But an appeal by

the accused is also secured to him by the last Article cited above as a *right* to present his case in his own way to the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Drummond directs our attention to certain provisions of the *Old Charges* in his discussion of this matter under IOWA, and we have reread and considered the same, but see no authority for an appeal by an *accuser*, strictly speaking. In the paragraph of the Charges of a Freemason, 1722, cited by Bros. Drummond and Parvin, we have always thought that the pronoun "*you*" therein contained referred to the brother found guilty. A careful study of the whole Charge, and especially Article VI (OF BEHAVIOUR, &c.), has induced us to adopt this construction.

The previous Articles of the *Charges* relate to and discuss the general obligations and duties of Masons, the management of the Craft, &c., and in them the pronoun *you* is not once used. But Article VI seems to be addressed particularly and directly to the *individual Mason*, and for the purpose of more emphatic application, the word *you* is employed throughout. "You are not to hold private committees \* \* \* nor behave *yourselves*," &c., in Sec. 1—"You are to act as becomes a moral and wise *man*," &c.; Sec. 5—and so on.

The second part or paragraph of Section 1, Article VI, cited by Bros. Drummond and Parvin is as follows:

If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the Lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry it by appeal to the Grand Lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth Masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the Lodge.

"Unless *you* carry it by appeal," &c., could only mean the *individual Mason*, to-wit: the guilty brother (according to the manner in which the same pronoun is used in the context as quoted above), and is a declaration to him that *he* has the right of appeal. And this paragraph evidently is intended to refer to the offences set forth in the first paragraph of Section 1—to-wit: offences "In the Lodge while constituted"—against the Craft—public wrongs, so to speak. If the Lodge had been referred to, as Bro. Drummond holds, it would perhaps have been *we* and not *you*, for note under the same Article, Section 2: "You may enjoy yourselves, &c., but avoiding, &c., for that would blast *our* harmony, &c." And further on: "*We* being only Masons—*we* are of all nations," &c.

Now as to the quotation made by Bro. Drummond from Section 6: "If any of them do you injury you must apply to your own or his Lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge," &c., we have thought that it referred to a different class of cases, to-wit: differences or controversies between individual Masons of a private or personal character, and not to offences against the general law. And this is strengthened by what is said in the remaining part of that section and by Article XIII, *General Regulations*:

At the said quarterly communication, all matters that concern the Fraternity in general, or particular Lodges, or single brethren, are quietly, sedately, and maturely to be discoursed of and transacted: Apprentices must be admitted Masters and Fellow Craft only here, unless by a dispensation. *Here also all differences, that cannot be made up and accommodated privately, nor by a particular Lodge, are to be seriously considered and decided; and if any brother thinks himself aggrieved by the decision of this Board, he may appeal to the annual Grand Lodge next ensuing, and leave his appeal in writing, with the Grand Master, or his Deputy, or the Grand Wardens.*

But in both cases appeal is only granted to the *brother found guilty or aggrieved.*

We regret having mistaken the meaning of Bro. Drummond in his allusion to us in a former report, and most cheerfully accept his explanation and apology.

We leave this report reluctantly, hoping we may have the pleasure of reading many more from the same source.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### MANITOBA—1888.

The thirteenth annual Communication held at Winnipeg, February 8th, 1888, Grand Master Thomas Clark presiding.

The Grand Master's address is remarkably good, and discusses matters in his jurisdiction in an easy and pleasant style. Some dispensations he granted and others he refused, among them "to wear regalia at Masonic balls and dinners," and he very aptly says:

Brethren, I am very pronounced in my opinion that our "Lamb Skin" should very rarely be seen outside the tyled recesses of our Lodge-rooms. Needless display is not in harmony with the character of genuine Freemasonry. To thoughtful men her charm consists in the sublimity of her teaching, rather than in the glitter of regalia.

His "official visitations" he speaks of with pleasure, and says the condition of Masonry in his jurisdiction is steadily improving. He closes with a very fitting tribute to the "fraternal dead."

M. W. Bro. Rob. Morris, P. G. M., visited the Grand Lodge at this Communication, and was received with the grand honors and welcomed by the M. W. Grand Master in fitting terms. Bro. Morris presented an original poem entitled "IN WHITE ARRAY," inscribed to Grand Master Clark.

No Report on Correspondence.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### MARYLAND—1887.

A special Communication August 26th, 1887, for the purpose of attending the funeral of R. W. James D. Mason, P. G. T., and another October 14, 1887, for the purpose of receiving Grand Master Shryock on his return from Europe.

The one hundred and first annual Communication held at Baltimore November 15, 1887, Grand Master Shryock presiding. In his address he alludes to the success of the Centennial Celebration, the honors paid him abroad, the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, which he says "has been of incalculable advantage to the Craft in putting a stop to the Masonic tramp nuisance;" and says, referring to a case in his jurisdiction, which we emphatically endorse:

The seal of a Lodge is the strongest evidence that a document is genuine, and here we find a Secretary who thought so little of the trust as to leave it lying around, where it could be used by any one without his authority.

The Proceedings relate to local affairs.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

No Report on Correspondence.

#### MARYLAND—1888.

The one hundred and third annual Communication held at Baltimore May 8th, 1888, Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock presiding. [We have no proceedings of the one hundred and second stated Communication.]

In his address he says:

At no time since I have been a member of the Grand Lodge has there existed such universal prosperity and enthusiasm amongst the subordinate Lodges throughout the State. From a personal visitation of the Lodges, and from the reports of the several Grand Inspectors of the Masonic Districts, as well as of the city of Baltimore, I am enabled to assure you that the utmost harmony and good fellowship permeates the whole Fraternity within our borders at this time.

Local matters engaged the attention of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. E. T. Schultz again presents a most able Report on Correspondence of 155 pages, which has given us much pleasure. North Carolina, 1887 and 1888, receives most pleasant and fraternal mention, and the addresses of Grand Masters Busbee and Robinson are freely quoted. He says, "Brother Bain *promised* to come to our celebration, but failed to put in an appearance" (alluding to their Centennial). Bro. Bain, by not going, missed a "*deuced*" good thing, and will regret his misfortune to the end of his days, but he could not get there. He will try, however, to be present at the next Centennial.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### MASSACHUSETTS—1887.

Quarterly Commnication at Boston, December 14th, 1887, Grand Master Henry Endicott present, and, delivering his annual address, he reports the death of Brothers William S. Gardner, P. G. M., and A. H. Howland, Jr., P. G. M.

Report of committee adverse to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of Mexico.



Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

Special Communication at Georgetown, December 26th, 1887, for dedicating the hall of a Lodge.

Stated Communication (being the one hundred and fifty-fourth anniversary) at Boston, December 27th, 1887, for the purpose of installing Grand Officers and celebrating the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

No Report on Correspondence.

#### MASSACHUSETTS—1888.

Special Communication at Malden, January 20th, 1888, for the purpose of constituting Converse Lodge, Grand Master Henry Endicott present.

Quarterly Communication at Boston, March 14th, 1888, Grand Master presiding.

Proceedings of a local character, though we note a movement to erect a monument to the memory of M. W. Bro. Henry Price, the first Provincial Grand Master of Massachusetts, and that the same would be in place about June 15th, 1888.

#### MICHIGAN—1888.

The forty-fourth annual Communication held at East Saginaw, January 24th, 1888, Grand Master Rufus C. Hatheway presiding.

The Grand Master opens his address thus:

One hundred and twenty-four years ago the Masons then in Detroit petitioned the *Provincial* Grand Master of New York for a warrant to have and open a Masonic Lodge there, and, on April 27, 1764, the warrant was issued by Brother George Harrison as such Grand Master (who held his authority from the R. W. John Proby, Baron of Carysford, *Ireland*, then the Grand Master of England) to form a Masonic Lodge at Detroit under *whatever name they please*; and Brother Lieutenant John Christie, of the Sixtieth Regiment (which had been there about four years), was named as first Worshipful Master, with other *American gentlemen* of New York as the other officers and members, and numbered four hundred and forty-eight on the English registry, and which they named Zion Lodge, No. 1, of Detroit. Thus the first Masonic commencement in Michigan.

And this is followed by a valuable historical sketch of Masonry in that State to the organization of the present Grand Lodge in 1844. The address covers some 49 pages, and discusses very fully a large number of subjects. He has answered over a *thousand questions* and written over *five thousand letters*, and yet he says "the correspondence of the Grand Master has been of immense proportions." He is pleased with the condition of the Fraternity, but says:

Having had my attention frequently called to the fact that members were using Masonic emblems as trade-marks, and, in such manner, endeavoring to increase their business, and that in some instances they were painted as signs, has induced me at this time to speak of the pernicious custom. Any and every



member should be prepared to shun any such business venture, as such an advertiser is not worthy of support.

We fully endorse the following:

I have received information from different quarters that Lodges are not particular or careful in their examination of visitors, and the usual modes of proving strangers are not carried out. The operative part of the work should be used in examination, as well as the verbal. Every Master should remember well the charge at his installation, when he solemnly promised that no visitor shall be received into his Lodge without due examination and producing proper vouchers of his having been made a Mason in a regular Lodge; and it is his duty to know that such examinations are thoroughly and carefully administered, and, in every case of doubt, that additional evidence shall be required so the Craft may not be imposed upon.

Fire seems to have played havoc with many Lodges.

We concur in the following:

#### MIXED FUNERALS.

When a Lodge is at labor it is duly guarded, and a Masonic procession at a funeral is also tiled, and no one should be permitted to either enter or retire from its ranks without permission. A Lodge would have as much right, legally, to admit a profane, as it would to admit him in the Masonic procession.

Where non-Masons declare their determination to participate in our ceremonies, such as having a portion of the pall-bearers, or the placing of emblems on the coffin, or the performance of their or any part of their burial service, the W. Master of the Lodge should peaceably retire with his members to his hall and close the Lodge, thus avoiding all strife and discord and unpleasant discussion.

Nine or more pages are devoted to the subject of "Decisions," all, or the most of which, are governed by local law.

We do not concur in the following, as we think the Tiler, if a member of the Lodge, has as much right to vote as any other member, and, in fact, it is his duty to do so. The W. M. should relieve him by some brother who has voted, call him into the Lodge, explain for whom the ballot-box is spread, and let him vote and return to his proper place:

Question. Is it necessary, when balloting for a candidate, for the Tiler to vote?

Answer. No. Where is the Tiler's place and his duty there? If you have heard, then you certainly know where he must be, and why. And if he is where he can vote, then he is not "without the door," as the ballot-box must be under the watchful eye of the Worshipful Master. If some other brother is Tiling, and the Tiler is inside, then he votes, but some one must be Tiling outside, and that one does not have a chance to vote.

Nor the following:

Question. Would I be doing right to confer the degrees upon a candidate whose left hand is minus the thumb and first two fingers to the first and second joint?

Answer. I do not see any actual disability in this case, as it is the left hand that is injured, thus showing him able to conform to our ceremonies. I would not exclude a man possessing all the other necessary qualifications, because of some physical defect, when that defect does not interfere with his complying with our regulations. I think you would be justified in conferring them.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. William P. Innes, and is a most valuable and interesting report, covering 343 pages.

We like the following in his Introduction, and commend it to all:

The pressing duty of the hour, "all along the line," is to guard well the portals of the outer door; use the ballot with strict diligence, ever bearing in mind that to each brother is given the power to prevent the entry into our Lodges of any but the good and true; and, while bearing that fact in mind, let all who are within the portals so conduct themselves that they may reflect to the outside world the true dignity of the Master Mason.

There is much in this able report which we would like to extract, but can only refer to the pleasant mention of North Carolina, 1887.

Bro. Wm. B. Wilson elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### MINNESOTA—1888.

Thirty-fifth annual Communication convened at St. Paul January 11th, 1888, and was opened in ample form by Grand Master John H. Brown.

The Grand Master delivered an excellent and interesting address from which we extract, with approval, the following:

#### THE HONORS OF MASONRY.

Masonry has its honors, and those who have earned them should receive them; and they should never be neglected. To neglect to render honorable recognition to those who are entitled to it is an unmasonic neglect.

In what I have observed in visiting Lodges, I have been led to fear that the proper recognition is not always given to those who deserve it. For instance, a Past Master of the same or some other Lodge, has been sometimes allowed to sit in the body of the Lodge without being invited to a seat in the East. I am, however, constrained to believe that this neglect comes more from a laxity of habit and custom in that regard, and from forgetfulness, than from any other cause.

And the following in "CORRESPONDECE," alluding "to the practice of the Grand Master answering questions to any and all officers of a Lodge, and even other members," which we fully endorse:

Soon after entering upon the duties of the office of Grand Master, I found that this practice could not be adhered to, and that some remedy must be found or some other practice must be initiated to take its place. I also took into consideration the propriety of carrying on such a correspondence, even though it were not burdensome, and, after considerable deliberation, I came to the conclusion that it was both improper and not strictly Masonic, for many reasons, among which are the following: The class of questions named are for the Master

to rule upon or decide in the first instance when they actually arise in the Lodge; and his ruling is the *law of the case*, subject to the right of any aggrieved brother to appeal to the Grand Master; and it is therefore discourteous toward the Master of the Lodge for any officer or member, not himself wronged by the ruling, to write the Grand Master privately and endeavor to get an adverse ruling to hold over the Master's head as a sort of "Didn't-I-tell-you-so," as has been done sometimes in the past. It would also be discourteous to the Master for the Grand Master to give such an opinion, or to attempt to instruct or advise him through any subordinate officer or other member of his Lodge. Again, it being the duty of the Master to decide the questions as they come up, he should decide them; or, if he desires to do so, *he* may ask the advice of the Grand Master; but for the reasons above stated, he should not attempt to hold himself in the background and direct his secretary to write; for he, being the one who is to decide the question, is the one who wants the advice (if any is wanted) and can of course state the exact question or doubt in his mind better than any one else. He should write himself, and if he does not, but employs a secretary or some other amanuensis, he is not strictly courteous toward the Grand Master.

There seems to be a growing tendency on the part of some of the younger brethren in some of the younger Lodges to look upon their W. M. as a mere presiding officer over a deliberative body. They fail to appreciate that he is what his official title indicates, viz.: "Worshipful Master," and that his functions are to *rule and govern his Lodge*; and, if I am not greatly in error, some of the Masters themselves have treacherous memories upon this point.

The decisions reported seem to us to be correct, except the second, which is:

*Statement.* A candidate has received two degrees; a brother then objects to his further advancement, and the reason assigned is that there are rumors that he does not sustain a good moral character.

Q. What should the W. M. do?

A. The brother having received two degrees without objection, is entitled to the third, unless objection is made with such reasons assigned as shall convince the Master that, if true, he ought not to be advanced.

#### Transactions of local interest.

Bro. A. T. C. Pierson again gives us one of his fine Reports on Correspondence, remarkably concise for one who evidently knows so much and writes so well. North Carolina, 1887, receives fraternal notice, though Bro. Pierson seems to think the petition or memorial of the three Lodges to the Grand Lodge relative to the restoration of members dropped for non-payment of dues "A cloud that looks very much like insubordination," and says: "We have known charters to be arrested for less apparent contumacy." Well, we are very young Masons, and lack the age, experience and knowledge of Bro. Pierson, but we are very sorry to learn that a respectful petition from a subordinate Lodge to the Grand Lodge was ever regarded anywhere, at any time, as an act of insubordination or contumacy. Grand Lodges err like the rest of mankind, and history gives many instances of unlawful usurpation of authority on the part of these Grand Bodies—in some cases afterwards recognized and remedied—in others persisted in to the injury of the Craft. Why may not subordinate Lodges present petitions in a respectful manner, declaring this grievance and praying relief? The right of petition, in our opinion, exists; and, moreover,

we are not among the number who believe that Grand Lodges are all-powerful, above all law, ancient or modern—landmarks and immemorial customs—and that subordinate Lodges and individual Masons have no rights a Grand Lodge is bound to respect. On the contrary, our views are set forth in the series of resolutions presented by the Lodges aforesaid, after careful study of all laws and precedents, and we cannot hold with Bro. Pierson that “The original action of the Grand Lodge was within its legitimate sphere.” However, the matter was adjusted to the satisfaction of all at the last annual Communication, and “peace reigns in Warsaw.”

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### MISSISSIPPI—1888.

The seventieth annual Communication began at Columbus February 9, 1888, Grand Master E. G. DeLap presiding.

The Grand Master's address is a lengthy document, owing to the insertion of correspondence, from which we gather that he had many, and to him perplexing, questions to answer and decide.

Upon the question of *Joint Occupancy*, he says:

I have had repeated application for information as to the rights of Lodges in regard to their own halls under the section referred to, and have always given it as my opinion of the sense of the Grand Lodge, that where a Lodge owns the hall in which it meets, that it has no right to rent it to any other organization, or allow its use by any other society. This is the gist of the deliverance of the Law Committee at last session, but which was not adopted by the Grand Lodge. I have in all cases expressed the opinion that the Grand Lodge has no inherent right to dictate to its subordinates what they shall or shall not do with their own property, except that it is entirely competent for it to say that Lodge-rooms shall not be used for places of meetings of political or sectarian societies. Political or religious discussions are never tolerated in regular Lodges, and the same rule that prohibits this should prevent the use of Lodge-rooms for political or religious societies. Many of our Lodge-rooms are the meeting places of the Knights of Labor, Farmer's Alliances, and kindred orders, which, while claiming to be non-political, are yet engaged in shaping legislation, or trying to do so, which makes them political in their character. I have nothing to say against any one of these orders. They were all organized for noble purposes, and have accomplished much good, and will doubtless continue to be of benefit, but so long as there is anything in their workings or their platform of principles by which they can be charged as being political societies, they have no business in a Masonic Lodge-room. I would suggest that the law be so amended as to prohibit Lodges from renting their halls to political or religious societies, and allowing them the exercise of their own judgment in reference to renting to other societies not coming under those heads.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made a report, all the matters and things therein being governed by local law; and one upon “Saloon Keeping,” in which they hold it to be “unmasonic—an offense against Masonry,” Both adopted.



The Committee on the Grand Master's Address, concurring in his decision on The Right to Visit, express this opinion:

It is the opinion of your committee that the right of an affiliated Master Mason in good standing to visit any other Lodge is secured by the 14th Landmark, which no decision or law can infringe, but this right is not absolute. Any member has the right to object, but this right to object is not absolute, and can only be exercised when there are good reasons for it. These reasons, when called for, should be given. And the brother refused admission has the right of appeal to this Grand Lodge for final decision as to whether he was properly refused admission.

We do not concur that the reasons must be given, or in the right of appeal. The right of a member to object, in our opinion, is *absolute*, and no one can question it or call for a reason. If it be, as the committee contend, where is the peace and harmony of any Lodge? But, as our views were expressed last year on this point, we say no more.

P. G. M. Speed announced the death of P. G. M. Theodore T. Gurney, P. G. M. of Illinois, and we cannot refrain from quoting the following exquisite remarks:

*Most Worshipful*: It is one of the peculiarities of Masonry that it in no sense is an aid to stoical endurance of suffering; on the contrary, by its awakening of the higher emotions of human nature, by its softening influence and training in the gentler virtues, it opens up possibilities of pain keener than the deadened sensibilities of uncongenial souls can imagine. Leigh Hunt says: "God made both tears and laughter, and both for kind purposes; for as laughter enables mirth and surprise to breathe freely, so tears enable sorrow to vent itself patiently. Tears hinder sorrow from becoming despair and madness, and laughter is one of the privileges of reason, being confined to the human species."

The pleasure which we all feel at each annual recurrence of these meetings of master workmen, when we take by the hand old friends and form new ties of fraternal love, is overcast by the solemn thought that the same circle can never again be formed. Some genial spirits which stood within it last year are not here to-day, and when another year has bleached our heads and made them still whiter, to remind us of our approaching mortality, other companionships will be broken, and there will be more vacant places. The young men, whose presence we welcome, are sad reminders that to us "which have borne the burden and heat of the day," the Grand Lodge can never again be for us the Grand Lodge as it was when our youthful zeal burned as living coals upon the altar of Masonry, for, alas! the already long procession of spectres of those whose presence was to us an inspiration to the performance of high and noble duties, yearly grows longer and contains more dearly loved faces.

Bro. A. H. Barkley gives us a most excellent and interesting Report on Correspondence, and his comments and discussions of some of the questions at issue among the Reports are most able. Among them we read with interest his tilt with Bro. Parvin under Iowa, and think "the law and the testimony" in favor of Bro. Barkley. We were surprised, however, to see Bro. Parvin *advising* Bro. B. to read the *Ancient Law* and *Anderson*, when the Grand Master says in his address the Ancient Constitutions *have no force* in that jurisdiction, and Bro. Parvin takes Bro. Cunningham, of Ohio, to task for reading and

swearing by *Anderson*, and other old-time writers. (See his Report, G. L. Pro. of Iowa, on page 115 of the *Report*.)

Under LOUISIANA Bro. B.'s views seem to be correct as to Grand Lodges refusing intercourse with the subordinate Lodge of other jurisdictions. Grand Lodges, he says (and we think with him), ought to deal only with Grand Lodges and not with their subordinates. But the following, under the same State, surprises us in one so generally correct and well informed as Bro. B.:

There is no law in Louisiana which forbids the Grand Master from holding and exercising the functions of Master of a Lodge, and at the same time holding the office of Grand Master.

We have no knowledge of any such law in Mississippi on this subject, but during and continuing our term of service as Grand Master, we declined the honor of Mastership in our own Lodge.

Has he forgotten Article XVII of the *General Regulations* or *Ancient Constitutions*, which provides that "No Grand Master, &c., \* \* \* can at the same time be the Master or Warden of a particular Lodge"?

Under PENNSYLVANIA he crosses swords with Bro. Vaux upon the right of a Grand Master to make "a youth under age a Mason at sight." It astonishes us to find such an able and learned writer as Bro. Vaux saying that "*A youth is of Masonic age when he is initiated.*" With Bro. Barkley, we ask, How can a *youth* be initiated? And, in addition to the reasons Bro. B. cites why he cannot be, we ask Bro. Vaux if he ever heard the expression: "*A young man in non-age*"?

We move on to note how extensively and fraternally he notices North Carolina, 1887. Liberal extracts are taken from Grand Master Busbee's address, the petition of the three Wilmington Lodges, and the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence set forth in full; the Centennial address is complimented, and an extract made therefrom; and the Report on Correspondence, by Bros. Bain and Cowan, called "a good report." For all of which we thank our Mississippi Brother.

Bro. M. M. Evans elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### MISSOURI—1888.

The sixty-eighth annual Communication begun at St. Louis, October 9th, 1888, Grand Master William M. Williams present.

In his address he says he brings good tidings from all parts of his Grand Jurisdiction; that the year has been one of unusual prosperity and success; pays tribute to the fraternal dead; decides—

Where the pleadings in a civil suit, to which a Mason is a party, and in which he has the right, as well as the opportunity, to appear, present the sole issue as to his guilt or innocence of a crime, the judgment or decree therein is competent evidence in a Masonic trial for the same offense.



—reports that not a single Lodge within that jurisdiction has a member engaged in the business of “saloon keeping,” and other matters of interest of a local nature.

The Proceedings present nothing of general importance, though we note with approval the expulsion of a member for denying the Divine authority of the Holy Bible and unbelief in the existence of Deity.

M. W. Edwin C. Blackmar, Grand Master, and M. W. Theodore S. Parvin, P. G. M., Grand Secretary, of Iowa, visited and were received with appropriate honors.

The able Report on Correspondence, by Bro. John D. Vincil, covers 183 pages, and is full of good things “too numerous to mention.”

We are very glad to see so good an authority condemning “mixed funerals,” and endorse all he says on the subject under *Michigan*.

North Carolina, 1888, receives fraternal attention, Grand Master Robinson's address being pronounced “excellent,” and quotations made therefrom. The Committee on Correspondence, he says, seemed to be diffident about expressing opinions, but admits that “it is very clear that they had opinions and expressed them both clearly and positively.” Well, Bro. Vincil, our apparent diffidence was the result of several causes—first, our desire to economize space; secondly, we did not deem it necessary always to say what we thought—not to mention other reasons.

Bro. James P. Wood elected Grand Master and the Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### MONTANA—1888.

[The proceedings of this Grand Lodge were received just in time to appear in their proper place in the review.]

Special Communication at Dillon July 27th, 1888, to lay corner-stone of a new Masonic Temple, A. C. Logan, D. G. M., presiding.

The twenty-fourth annual Communication at Missoula October 3d, 1888, opened in due form by D. G. Master Logan.

Grand Master Hathaway's address was read (he being absent), and informs us of the death of Grand Tiler Daniel Jewett; some dispensations; a few decisions, which are correct in our opinion; and that fraternal relations are harmonious.

Among the proceedings we find the recognition of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Bro. Gould, Grand Orator, delivered an excellent address upon “*Masonry the Pioneer of Civilization*.”

Bro. Cornelius Hedges furnishes another of his fine Reports on Correspondence, beginning in this wise:

Last year we began writing our report on St. John's Day, and now it is the Fourth of July that we divert the fountains of our patriotic emotions to irrigate

the dusty path of the reviewer among the busy quarries of modern temple-builders while searching for perfect ashlar among the piles of rubbish. \* \* \*

And so, amid the flutter of flags and the strange, inharmonious blending of martial music and the explosion of fire-crackers, we mount the grand stand to review the annual procession of the Masonic hosts bringing up work for inspection.

Of North Carolina, 1888, he writes most pleasantly, thus:

The "Old North State" Craft greets us on its one-hundred-and-first anniversary with a handsome record of good Masonic work. Since they have become the projector and protector of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, the other business of Grand Lodge has assumed modest proportions. The great work is that of looking after the interests of those who have no natural protectors. Superintendent Dixon says there are at least one thousand children in North Carolina who ought to be in the Asylum. The Oxford Asylum does not provide for more than a fourth of that number. Grand Master Robinson, in his address, says the example of the Masons has stirred the charitable people in various ways, and that several religious denominations have now established orphan asylums. The whole State seems stirred in the good cause, and the next generation will reap a great harvest for the good work now being done.

Our Montana craftsmen will all rejoice in the growing success of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

The receipts of the year are less than \$3,500, and still \$2,000 is voted to the orphans. The little temples that they are thus fitting up and furnishing for the service and honor of the Great Architect will deserve more praise than the costliest ones of stone and iron, and other perishable material.

All agree that the asylum work has given new life to Masonry in all departments. It has attracted the attention of the most worthy and charitable people, and they are anxious to be associated in such work.

The Masons of North Carolina are entitled to the Grand Honors for what they have done and are doing. We call for them by 3x3 along the whole line.

We appreciate most heartily this fraternal notice of our far-Western Brother. Bro. Arthur C. Logan elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### NEBRASKA—1888.

The thirty-first annual Communication convened at Lincoln June 20, 1888, Grand Master Milton J. Hull presiding; and the first business transacted was to order the Grand Tiler "to purchase one gross of fans for use of members of the Grand Lodge." Evidently a heated session was expected.

The Grand Master, in his address, says the past year was prosperous to the Craft; mourns the loss by death of not a few members of the Fraternity in that and other jurisdictions; declares foreign relations of a most satisfactory nature; reports many dispensations, special Communications for laying corner-stones and sixteen decisions, which seem to be sound law; makes a recommendation which will prevent so many new Lodges, and tells us that he has, in performance of official duty, traveled about five thousand miles in the State and written more than one thousand letters. Truly, as he says, "the duties attaching to the office of Grand Master are numerous and important."

An interesting report is made by a committee on the question, What is the proper word to designate assembling of Masons in subordinate Lodges? The committee reported "meetings" for subordinate and "communications" for Grand Lodges as being consonant with immortal custom and usage, and in the report is embraced a most valuable letter of Bro. William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, showing the result of his researches on the question among the records of many old Grand Lodges.

Bro. Ehrhardt, Grand Orator, delivered a fine address upon the four cardinal virtues, and received the thanks of the Grand Lodge.

No Report on Correspondence.

Bro. George B. France elected Grand Master, Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### NEVADA—1887.

The twenty-third annual Communication held at Reno June 14, 1887, Grand Master Henry Rolfe presiding.

The Grand Master's address is short but well written, as for instance:

I congratulate you, brothers of the Grand Lodge, in this: that there is little for the Grand Master to state of official acts. I congratulate you that, while I may reasonably complain that so little has taken place, that I am left without a theme to talk of; that you can say truly, with Whittier—

"Thank God for rest, where none molest,  
And none can make afraid;  
For Peace, which sits as Plenty's guest  
Beneath the noontide shade."

It has been truly like sailing on a summer sea, upon whose unruffled surface the lightest cockle-shell could float beside the great trireme of old or tri-masted cruiser now. Again, in saluting you, I congratulate you that so little has happened to disturb our peace and harmony.

He pays a beautiful tribute to M. W. Bro. J. C. Currie, P. G. M., in announcing his death.

Among his decisions we find the following, which we endorse, and it is the law here:

"Please advise me if a petition is handed in, can it be withdrawn before we ballot on the petition?" To which I replied, on the 1st day of April, as follows: "You will find that, by the decision of our Grand Lodge, a petition cannot be withdrawn after submission to the Lodge and appointment of committee. Such petition is then the property of the Lodge, and must be acted upon. This rule is founded upon the best of all reasons—sound common sense. Otherwise, every profane would be putting a petition in with, as the slangy but very expressive phrase is, a string to it, and pulling it out at any time upon the advice of some over-zealous friend that it wouldn't go."

The Grand Lodge passed a vote of thanks to Bro. John D. Hammond for the zeal and fidelity with which he has for a long term of years served as Grand

Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, he having voluntarily retired from those offices.

The Report on Correspondence is from Bro. J. D. Hammond, covering some 74 pages, and ably reviewing the Proceedings of 47 Grand Lodges. North Carolina not among the number.

Bro. Hammond bids us farewell as a Reporter as follows:

Changes, both as to business relations and as to domicile, make it necessary for the undersigned scribe to give up the further writing of Correspondence Reports. Like many another thing in this life, the work has been, at once, an irksome task and a constant pleasure. Tiresome as to details, yet full of kindest sympathy and suggestion. To all our Brethren wheresoever dispersed, but especially to those who dwell amid these mountains, whom, knowing best, we most esteem, and from whom we have received so much kindness, we offer our hearty greeting and our best wishes for their welfare. *May all be good men and true. So mote it be.*

Bro. A. L. Fitzgerald elected Grand Master, and C. N. Noteware Grand Secretary.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK—1888.

The twenty-first annual Communication at St. John April 24th, 1888, Grand Master James McNichol present.

The address of the Grand Master reports a steady growth of the Order in his jurisdiction; the death of distinguished Masons; that no decisions were called for; that fraternal relations are most friendly; finances in good condition, and nothing of much importance to report.

Proceedings not of general interest.

Grand Master re-elected, Grand Secretary re-appointed.

No Report on Correspondence.

#### NEW MEXICO—1887.

The tenth annual Communication was held at Raton, November 14, 1887, Deputy Grand Master W. S. Harroun presiding.

The address of the Grand Master (who appeared at the afternoon's session) informs us that the craft has made "splendid progress," and brotherly feeling and systematic working exist among the Lodges.

Among his decisions is one that, an applicant having lost the sight of one eye, is not eligible. The edict of nonintercourse with the three Lodges in the Province of Quebec appears in full.

Bro. Max Frost presents the Report on Correspondence, and though comparatively short, is very good.

North Carolina. 1887, receives attention.

Bro. W. S. Harroun elected Grand Master. Grand Secretary re-elected.

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 NEW HAMPSHIRE—1888.

The ninety-ninth annual Communication was held at Concord, May 16, 1888 William R. Burleigh, Grand Master, presiding.

In his address, which is short, he announces the death of five members of the Grand Lodge, and reports no decisions, save one on a matter of Lodge jurisdiction.

In the Proceedings we notice the appointment of a committee to provide for the Celebration of the Centennial Anniversary next year. The Proceedings are of local interest only, though the following decision, which we endorse, may be quoted as of general interest :

In reply to a question, the M. . W . Grand Master decided that a Master Mason should not appear in public at a funeral, or at any other time, wearing masonic clothing, unless the occasion should be one in which a Lodge duly opened on the degree of Master Mason shall take a part.

Bro. A. S. Wait, as usual, presents one of his able Reports on Correspondence, covering ccxxix pages—(*Please get your printer to stop using Roman numerals, and oblige all the Reporters*)—all of which we read with pleasure, except the *pagings*.

We do not agree with him when he says, under CALIFORNIA, approving a decision of the Grand Master, "that an objection to the admission of a proposed visitor is to be decided by the Master ;" nor under ILLINOIS, where he approves the doctrine that, "when the candidate is initiated and becomes a mason, the validity of the objection (to advancement) ought to be inquired into by the Lodge."

Having, in a former report, expressed our opinion on these subjects, we say no more.

We endorse his views on the unfortunate difficulty in Connecticut.

We are, however, surprised to see him wavering upon the point, whether a Lodge can be opened in the absence of Master and Wardens. We have a very decided opinion, based upon "the reason of the thing," as well as the law, that it cannot be opened.

Many of the discussions with the great lights of the Reporters are most interesting and valuable, and with many of the opinions expressed we entirely agree, and from some we dissent. All the same, we have enjoyed reading it, and wish we could give more of it.

North Carolina (1887) is most fraternally noticed, the review of her Proceedings being quite extensive. After calling Grand Master Busbee's address "an able, dignified and very appropriate production," and noticing other matters, he says :

A very interesting Report on Foreign Correspondence appears with the proceedings of this year. It is the work of the Grand Secretary, Brother Donald W. Bain, and Brother Henry M. Cowan, and comprises a review of the pro-



ceedings of fifty-four American Grand Lodges, besides those of England, Scotland, New South Wales and South Australia. The last named body they recommend for recognition.

The writers dissent from a ruling of the Grand Master of Arkansas to the effect "that where a Lodge had expelled a *non-affiliate* mason, it could not restore him to same status as he was before expulsion," and insist that the Lodge so expelling has a perfect right to restore. We very much incline to the view of our brethren of North Carolina.

Against some criticisms of the F. C. Committee of Illinois they defend the ruling of their Grand Master, in sanctioning the burial of a non-affiliate, notwithstanding the law of the jurisdiction, which declares that a mason who does not belong to some Lodge and comply with its by-laws, etc., shall not be entitled to visit a Lodge, etc., or masonic assistance or burial.

We observed that decision when reported, and believed it right, as well from the legal as from a charitable point of view. It must be a sound rule of interpretation, we think, to confine a law restricting masonic charities to its precise language. Now the law in the case alluded to is, as we are informed, that a mason who does not belong to some Lodge, etc., 'shall not be *entitled*' to the charities mentioned. That is to say, such a mason is not in a situation to *demand* such charities; but this law neither expressly nor impliedly forbids Lodges or brethren extending such charities wherever they may think it proper to bestow them. We suppose the law of our brethren of North Carolina to be the same as it is, or at least ought to be, everywhere. We agree fully that a non-affiliated mason ought not to be held *entitled to claim* the charities of the institution; but that there may be, and often are, cases in which such charities may with propriety be extended—even where every principle of masonry would forbid that they should be withheld—we shall never cease to insist. We commend the ruling of the Grand Master in the case mentioned, and also the brethren of the Grand Lodge in upholding it.

We omitted to mention in its appropriate place the action of the Grand Lodge upon a subject of interest.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, on an appeal referred to them, reported "that, in no case from a general verdict of not guilty, can an accuser or any Master Mason take an appeal to the Grand Lodge."

The same doctrine was announced in 1886 by a majority of the Jurisprudence Committee, but the question seems to have remained unsettled until this communication. The above report was adopted by the grand body, and the doctrine is now to be considered as the established law of the jurisdiction.

The rule thus established is doubtless supposed to be justified by the familiar rule of constitutional law, that an accused person cannot be twice placed in jeopardy. If we have rightly observed, however, the doctrine has not generally obtained in masonry, and there does not at present appear to be a disposition among learned masons generally to adopt it. The example of our sister jurisdiction, if found to work well, may perhaps bear fruit in the more or less distant future.

We do not agree with our able and well informed Brother in what he says above, that "the doctrine has not generally obtained in masonry, and there does not at present appear to be a disposition among learned masons generally to adopt it." Our observation and researches prove the contrary.

Bro. George W. Currier elected Grand Master. Grand Secretary re-elected.

## NEW JERSEY—1888.

The one-hundred-and-first annual Communication held at Trenton January 25th, 1888, Grand Master Robert M. Moore presiding.

The Grand Master's address is an interesting presentation of matters foreign and domestic, opening with appropriate allusions to "Deceased Brethren" in his own jurisdiction and the distinguished dead elsewhere. Under the head of "Foreign Jurisdictions," he says:

I attended the convention of Present and Past Grand Masters, held in Chicago, Ill., on the 22d, 23d and 24th of June. With many other members of this Grand Lodge, I had questioned the desirableness and utility of such a convention, but courtesy to my predecessor, to the Most Worshipful Brethren who signed the call, and to Most Worshipful Bro. Darrah, Grand Master of Illinois, from whom I received two urgent invitations, decided me to attend and judge for myself.

In point of representation the convention was not what might be called a success, as not quite one-fourth of the Grand Lodges of the United States and Canada were represented, but if the enrichment of individual Masonic thought resultant from the interchange of ideas; if the formation of Masonic friendships which will be undying; if the assembling together of a goodly number of loyal, devoted Masons, such as were in attendance in that convention, constitute a success, then it was a most successful one. The questions discussed were those which arise in the almost every-day life of a Grand Master—questions, too, with which you are all more or less familiar. As to what the outcome of that three days' meeting will be, I am not yet prepared to say, but if the convention hasn't resulted in much good to the Fraternity at large, it certainly hasn't done any harm.

We admire the following in regard to physical qualifications of candidates:

Brethren, the safe way is the best way. There is no room in Masonry for either utilitarianism or latitudinarianism. Lower the standard of requirement by ever so little; remove even one bar to accommodate a special case, be it ever so meritorious, and you will find (as I have found this year) special cases multiplying so rapidly that, accommodate them all, and our requirements will become meaningless, and *all* the bars will have been practically removed.

By so much as we trench upon or remove an ancient landmark, by so much we cease to be Masons. My Brethren, let us abide in the old Masonic ways—walk in the old Masonic paths—maintain inviolable the old landmarks, in both letter and spirit, and thus transmit unimpaired to those who come after us the sacred tenets of our time-honored institution.

Five decisions are reported, which we think *sound*.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following reports, which were adopted, which we insert as expressing the view in that jurisdiction as to what constitutes *legal information*, in which, however, we do not wholly concur:

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the State of New Jersey:*

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence would submit the following answers to the questions propounded by the Worshipful Brothers, Bodine and Cherry:

1. If a Mason, A, sits in open Lodge with Mason B. or examines B by order of the W. M. of any Lodge at which both are present, and B introduces to A, and properly vouches for, Mason C, what rights and privileges have A and C?

1. Can C post A in the secret work?

*Ans.* No.

2. Can C vouch for A in a Lodge?

*Ans.* No.

3. If not, has C, if Master of his Lodge, the right to order A admitted to C's Lodge on the basis of B's voucher as above, which was not given in open Lodge?

*Ans.* Neither A nor C could admit the other, under the circumstances stated.

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence would submit the following answer to a question handed them by a member of the Grand Lodge:

If one Master Mason takes to another a stranger, saying he has sat in Lodge with him, can that Mason receive the stranger as a Brother Master Mason?

This question is indefinite, in that it does not explain the phrase "receive the stranger as a Brother Master Mason." Generally your committee would say that the stranger, under such circumstances, is not entitled to Masonic recognition further than the relief of his immediate necessities.

The Report on Correspondence, by Bro. Henry Vehslage, is a very interesting review of 43 Proceedings, covering 124 pages, and makes very pleasant reading matter. North Carolina, 1887, receives very kind attention.

An engraving of Bro. Vehslage, Grand Master in 1883-1884, adorns the volume.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### NEW YORK—1888.

A volume embellished with portraits of Charles Roome, P. G. M., and W. E. Connor, Grand Treasurer, is before us.

The one-hundred-and-seventh annual Communication held at New York on June 5th, 1888, Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence, presiding.

The Grand Master presents an extended address, but then he has so many things to speak of that it is impossible to treat of all in a brief document.

The "*Fraternal Dead*" first receive a fitting tribute, in which we find the following:

William, King of Prussia and German Emperor, died at Berlin on the 9th day of March, 1888, at the advanced age of ninety years. It would be superfluous now to make mention of his wonderful career. Despite the cares of state, he had, upon frequent occasions, manifested his attachment to our Fraternity, of which for many years he had been a member. He held the office, unknown among us, of Protector of the eight German Grand Lodges, composing the Grand Lodge League within his dominions. Under the auspices of these bodies, a Grand Lodge of Sorrow, in memory of the illustrious dead, was held at Berlin on the 22d day of March, 1888, our participation in which, though prevented by distance, was fraternally invited.

The "*Fair*" is discussed at length, and no doubt it was a grand success.

The Proceedings are of local interest only.

The Report on Correspondence, by Bro. John W. Simons, is most interesting, and we have read it with pleasure, noting many good things by the wayside too numerous to mention. We take the following, however. Under COLORADO:

The Grand Master suggests the following:

"2d. I am also of the opinion that a law should be enacted for the protection of Lodges, expelling any Brother who has been or may be indicted and convicted of any crime under the laws of our State.

"Under our present laws, it is necessary to prefer charges and have a trial before any brother can be expelled.

"Any Brother who has committed a crime of sufficient importance to be taken notice of and considered by our civil officers, and upon receiving a fair and impartial trial, is convicted and sentenced either to a county jail or the State penitentiary, is unworthy of being called a Mason and of receiving any Masonic recognition, and the Lodge to which he belonged should not be burdened with giving said Brother a Masonic trial."

With great deference, we beg to differ. The Masonic tie is not welded by civil events, and should never, never be dissolved except by Masonic action, duly and deliberately had. The uncertainty of the law is proverbial, and, moreover, a man may be sentenced to jail for a technical offense not involving any moral turpitude whatever. To write a Brother out of the Craft on such a conviction would be a monstrous injustice against which, for one, we shall always protest. Let us attend to our own business in our own way.

We had extracted these "suggestions" and commented upon them in a similar strain in our report of last year.

Under IOWA, speaking of the late Masonic Convention at Chicago, he says:

We take occasion to say that we differ, and that we do not believe there is any possible need of, or good to be derived from, the consultation of individual brethren, however exalted. The interchange of printed transactions and the careful reviews presented by corresponding committees, if examined and noted, will furnish all we need to know and keep us in the right path.

We are quite willing to believe that the promoters of the late Convention, and those who attended it, were entirely clear of any idea of establishing a National body, but at the same time remembering the "cat in the meal-tub," it seems for the best to avoid any proposition that might possibly "squint" that way, and hence we advise that all conventions, or other gatherings of a general nature, be obstinately ignored. When a Grand Lodge needs advice, let her ask it of her congeners, but let us now and always be governed by our own well-considered laws, and carefully maintain our individual sovereignty and independence.

Under NEBRASKA he quotes two decisions of the Grand Master, the second of which, with Bro. Simons' comments thereon, reads as follows:

"On a Masonic trial, the accused claimed the right to have present in the Lodge, as counsel, a brother, a member of another Lodge. Objection being made, he was excluded by the Master. *Query*: Was the action of the Master correct? *Answer*: Legally, yes. (See Proceedings of Grand Lodge, 1883, page 463.) The right of a brother to visit a Lodge is an act of courtesy. His claiming to act as counsel, or appearing as such, gives him no additional right. He is still only a visiting brother, and can sit in the Lodge only by unanimous consent of the members present."



With the first we entirely agree; from the second we just as entirely dissent. We insist that in a Masonic as in a civil trial, the accused has the right to be represented by counsel—on the principle that he is a fool who pleads his own cause—that on such occasions the counsel is not to be regarded as a visitor to the Lodge, but as counsel only, and that a refusal to admit him is in effect to refuse the benefit of counsel to the accused. We could write a volume on the subject, but we prefer to leave the statement of the case as above. We leave it on the right of the citizen and Mason, and we insist that the right of a brother under charges and the right of some other brother to visit a certain Lodge have no possible relation, and are not to be governed by any rule which inhibits the accused brother from making the best possible defence. In New York nothing of the kind could arise, but we protest in the general interest of the Craft.

We entirely agree with Bro. Simons in what he says.

North Carolina, 1888, is most fraternally and pleasantly noticed. Quoting Grand Master Robinson's address, where he speaks of the difficulties of visiting, &c., Bro. Simons says—and we endorse the suggestions:

With suitable deference, it appears to us that the "Old North State" would find great benefit in introducing the system of *District Deputies*, now in successful operation in New York and various other jurisdictions. We find the system easy of execution but decidedly effective and satisfactory.

We thank him for the kind words of compliment he pays our (first) Report on Correspondence.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### NOVA SCOTIA—1888.

The twenty-third annual Communication held at Halifax, June 6, 1888, Grand Master Lewis Johnstone presiding.

The Grand Master, in his address, in fitting terms reports the death of P. G. M. Taylor and P. D. G. M, James R. Graham; gives a list of official acts, among which we notice the suspension of the Master of a Lodge for initiating a candidate who had lost his left arm; several visitations to Lodges, and some decisions governed by local laws.

The Proceedings are of local interest, but we note that the Master of the Lodge who was suspended by the Grand Master, as stated above, was, *by the Grand Lodge, suspended from all masonic privileges till the next annual Communication of the Grand Lodge,*" and the Lodge was censured for sustaining the action of the Master. This seems to us no punishment at all for so *flagrant* a violation of masonic law—especially in view of the fact that objection was made by a member or members of the Lodge, before the degree was conferred.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. David C. Moore, Chairman of the Committee, covering 83 pages, being brief notices of each Grand Jurisdiction, North Carolina (1888) among the number.

Bro. David C. Moore elected Grand Master. Grand Secretary re-elected.



## ONTARIO—1888.

The thirteenth annual Communication at Hamilton, January 18th, 1888, Grand Master James B. Smith on the throne.

The address of the Grand Master discusses matters of local interest in an interesting manner.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

## OREGON—1888.

A portrait of M. W. Andrew Nasburg and then proceedings of two special Communications.

Thirty-eighth annual Communication convened at Portland June 13th, 1888, Grand Master Nasburg presiding.

The address of the Grand Master relates to domestic affairs, reporting a prosperous condition of Masonry in his jurisdiction.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported a resolution of interdiction of Masonic intercourse with the members of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, of New Haven, Connecticut, which was adopted.

This strikes us as remarkably queer:

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, and a Lodge of Entered Apprentices was opened in form.

A grand procession was then formed by Brother J. C. Moreland, acting Grand Marshal, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to lay the corner-stone of the North Pacific Industrial Association Building, with the usual ceremonies of the Order.

The Grand Lodge returned to their hall, when the Lodge of Entered Apprentices was closed in due form.

What does it mean? *A Lodge of Entered Apprentices* laying a corner-stone, or the *Grand Lodge* opened in the first degree?

The Grand Orator, Thomas H. Tongue (an appropriate name for an orator), delivered a chaste and eloquent address upon Masonry.

Bro. S. F. Chadwick presents a most able and interesting Report on Correspondence, in which we find many good things, too numerous to mention.

North Carolina, 1887 and 1888, receives fraternal attention. Speaking of the Convention of 1787, he mistakes the name of the town where it met, calling it *Tarboo* instead of *Tarboro*. He speaks in flattering terms of our work generally, and of one of our Grand Officers says, which we all endorse:

Brother Bain has started out on the second one hundred years. So far as he can go on that line we wish him all the happiness, a long life and good health that it is possible for him to enjoy.

We thank him for the following:

Old North Carolina has a proud and instructive history, both as a State and in Masonry; and her heart is in the right place. Her love and care for her

orphans entitle her to the blessings of heaven, which we hope may be abundantly showered upon her noble people.

We were pleased with his "Conclusion" of last year, and are equally so with the one this year, and quote the following, which we heartily endorse. Speaking of Reports on Correspondence, he says :

At present, the Craft at large know but little of what is being done by reviewers to benefit the brethren. If all there is of masonic relation, is what a Mason sees around him, what great sacrifice does he make when he drops out of the line by not paying dues? He feels that he makes none; but place in his hands, annually, a report on correspondence with grand lodge proceedings showing his own good name, the progress of Masonry, its standing and importance in every jurisdiction, and he will feel at once that not to be recognized as a support to masonic institutions, is to be lost to the world.

The chord to bind brethren is found in these books. Pride in excelling would be felt, and admiration for other jurisdictions would find a rival in the love of the brother for his own Grand Lodge. The expense would be very light to each Mason, and would bear no comparison to the good this practice would do. It would at once open up subjects for thought and remark. We recommend, therefore, that a copy of our Grand Lodge report be placed in the hands of every brother in this jurisdiction. Have every brother know all that is to be known of his own Grand Lodge and of the grand jurisdictions of the masonic world. We submit this proposition to the guild for the benefit of other jurisdictions.

Bro. Jacob Mayer elected Grand Master. Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### PENNSYLVANIA—1887.

Engraved portrait of R. W. Joseph Eichbaum, Grand Master 1887-'8, is the frontispiece, and a fine one it makes; and in the middle of the volume one of R. W. Conrad B. Day, Grand Master 1883-'4.

Quarterly Communications March 2d, June 1st, September 7th, and December 7th, and one of Emergency, April 23d, called by the Grand Master *for the purpose of making (by virtue of his presence) Christian Kirsch a Mason*. And thereupon the three degrees were conferred the same evening. Sorry to know it.

The annual Communication held at Philadelphia December 27th, 1887, Grand Master Joseph Eichbaum presiding.

His address is confined to local matters, reporting, however, the great loss sustained by that Grand Jurisdiction in the death of P. G. M. E. C. Mitchell.

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, by that accomplished writer, Bro. Richard Vaux, which is to say that it is instructive and scholarly. In his Introduction he well says, which we heartily endorse:

We recognize the responsibility of our work. In self-communion it manifests itself. It is a serious duty we undertake. Idle words; immature thoughts; impulsive conclusions; carping criticism; arrogant assumptions; combative controversy in dealing with the views and opinions of those with whom we are associated, we seek to avoid, as forbidden by the teachings of Freemasonry, and unworthy of the position assigned us.

The forms of Masonry are instinctively alive. They contain the traditions of ages; the concretion of the subjective thought of generations; the learning of centuries; the aspirations of immortal souls; the heart-throbs of the faith of multitudes of men seeking light in the darkness of cycles of time, when esoteric teachings were concealed in forms illumined by the spirit of a revealed knowledge which only the initiated could understandingly be taught. It is thus that Freemasonry has not perished.

Nature, from the last day of creation, clothed in forms the germs of life. Thus came the corn, the oil, and the wine, each in its appointed order. So the forms with which Masonic knowledge was first enveiled are now the depositories of the germ of that fruit which are accepted as its essential verities.

Efforts to preserve these forms from the ruthless assaults of ignorance and the crude inventions of those who claim to be wiser in their generation than "the children of light" are demanded of the true Mason. This imperative obligation rests on those who are capable of discharging it. We owe the past all our knowledge. We owe the future its possession. We owe ourselves the verdict of virtue and courage which transmits it.

And we would like to quote in full all the noble thoughts and wise counsel he gives in the Introduction, but cannot. We admire it all, especially his remarks on the England-Quebec difficulty, the Connecticut matter, and the Chicago meeting, or so-called "Masonic Congresss."

The Report is a very full and complete criticism and discussion of the Proceedings of the several Grand Lodges under review, and extensive extracts are made. North Carolina, 1887, is among the number, Grand Master Busbee's address being freely quoted. Bro. Vaux says:

We have to notice a decision of the Grand Master, which is remarkable:

"An officer-elect can be installed by proxy when unavoidably absent, but not against his protest."

With great respect to the Grand Master, we think that such an act is without any authority in Masonic law.

As to the decision being "without authority in Masonic law," we respectfully refer our learned Brother to the GENERAL REGULATIONS of 1721 (generally known as the *Ancient Constitution*), Article XXXVI. And Mackey, in his "*Masonic Jurisprudence*," page 297, says: "It is usual, in case of the absence of any one of the officers who is to be installed, for some other brother to assume his place and, acting as his proxy, to make the usual promises for him, and in his behalf to receive the charge and investiture. *Long and uninterrupted usage* would seem alone sufficient to sanction this practice, \* \* \* *but it has also the authority of ancient law*;" and then he quotes the Article of the *Regulations* above cited. And elsewhere the same law is laid down by recognized Masonic Jurists, to which we have not access at present or we would quote them. We thought, with Mackey and others, it was well settled and not "*without any authority*," as Bro. Vaux *inconsiderately* says.

Again he says:

We regret to see that between the inherent powers of the Grand Master and the delegated duties of the committees on Jurisprudence and Appeals, some confusion is likely to arise.

We are at loss to understand this, as we know of nothing to which it can refer, and would be glad to have Bro. Vaux inform us.

He speaks of the Report on Correspondence, by Bros. Bain and Cowan, as "very pleasant, concise and condensed," with other kind words of commendation, for which their thanks are hereby tendered.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—1888.

Thirteenth annual Communication at Charlottetown, June 26th, 1888, Grand Master John Yeo present.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports :

I have not been called upon for any decision during the year, which is, I think, good evidence that the Masters and officers of the Subordinate Lodges are well informed on the Constitution and Ancient Landmarks of Masonry.

You will be glad to know that there has been an increase in the membership of our Lodges during the past year, but will regret very much to find suspension for non-payment of dues still goes on.

Transactions of local interest.

No Report on Correspondence.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### QUEBEC—1888.

The eighteenth annual Communication was held at Montreal, January 25th 1888, Grand Master J. Fred. Walker presiding.

His address is, as he says, brief—devoted to domestic matters—and so are the proceedings.

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented the Report on Correspondence, briefly reviewing the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, North Carolina, 1887, receiving more than the average notice ; and we thank the Brother for the kindly manner of his reference.

Bro. H. L. Robinson elected Grand Master. Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### SCOTLAND—1888.

Quarterly Communication at Edinburgh, February 2d, 1888, Grand Master A. C. Campbell being absent on account of sickness. Nothing of interest reported.

Quarterly Communication at Edinburgh, May 3d, 1888, the Grand Master, Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell, present. Grand Master re-elected, and Bro. D. Murray Lyon continues Grand Secretary.

Quarterly Communication, August 2d, 1888, Grand Master Colonel Sir Archibald C. Campbell present. Local matters.

## SOUTH CAROLINA—1887.

Special Communication, August 19th, to lay a corner-stone, Grand Master Smyth presiding.

The one hundred and eleventh annual Communication held at Charleston, December 13, 1887, Grand Master J. Adger Smyth presiding.

The Grand Master's address is eloquent and interesting, touching upon matters mostly of local import.

We commend the following :

And Masonic progress means far more than the mere taking of many degrees. It means far more than positions or honors.

The truly progressive Mason is faithful in whatever station he occupies. He appreciates Freemasonry in its social, its intellectual and its moral bearings. He makes progress by expressing more and more every day by his life, the genius and spirit of the Institution ; by illustrating in his daily conduct those eternal truths and moral precepts he has been taught at her altars ; and above all by never failing to display at all times and in all places the crowning gem of Masonry—CHARITY—" that suffereth long and is kind ; that envieth not ; that is not puffed up ; that beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

Such a Mason makes continual progress along an ever brightening way, gathering new lessons and fresh acquisitions as the years go by.

He reports increased interest manifested, larger attendance at the Lodges, and signs of improvement on all sides.

The decisions are upon local law.

He pays due tribute to M. W. Henry Buist, P. G. M., who died June 9th, 1887, and in most beautiful words lays down the gavel of office, and says, " Farewell."

The Proceedings are devoted to local affairs only.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Charles Inglesby, a most accomplished reviewer, covering 98 pages, and is a most excellent report. North Carolina, 1887, receives fraternal attention, especially Grand Master Busbee's address and the Petition of the three Lodges.

Bro. A. H. White elected Grand Master. Grand Secretary re-elected.

## TENNESSEE—1888.

The seventy-fourth annual Communication at Nashville January 25th, 1888, Grand Master Caswell A. Goodloe present.

The Grand Master, in his interesting address, alludes first to "*Our Dead*," and mourns the loss of P. G. M. John S. Dashiell; to the many dispensations granted; sends forth seven decisions, which we approve, except the 3d and 6th, The third is as follows:

*Q.* Can a Worshipful Master, on motion to this effect, raise or appoint a committee to investigate a trouble between one of the members and a non-affiliate in that jurisdiction?

*Ans.* Yes.



Under certain circumstances, the ruling may be correct; but as stated, it is too general, and in many cases the W. M. would have no right to interfere.

And the sixth is:

*Q.* If a brother petitions a Lodge for membership and is duly rejected, is he entitled to a certificate of a lost dimit, he having previously been a member of the same Lodge?

*Ans.* Yes, if there are no charges, and no time asked in which to prefer them.

We do not concur in the qualification of *charges* and *time*, and note that the Committee on Jurisprudence did not.

On "*Physical Qualifications*" he says:

Like many of my predecessors, I have been called upon for an opinion as to nearly all of the ailments and deformities attaching to the human family.

I need not occupy time to enumerate or itemize. Let it suffice to say that, in my opinion, the rulings heretofore made are substantially, if not literally, correct. The only inquiry on that point should be: Is the applicant capable of receiving and imparting the ritual of Masonry? And of this each Lodge is the sole and proper judge, observing the Landmarks, Constitution, and Edicts.

Upon this subject our *Code* provides:

Every applicant for initiation must be free born; and no individual, physically so deformed as to be disabled from honestly acquiring the means of subsistence, or who may be incapacitated for becoming a useful member, shall be initiated in any Lodge.

We note that *nominations* are made for Grand Master and other Grand officers. Not so with us.

In the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we find the following of interest in this jurisdiction:

Communication from Pigeon River Lodge, No. 386, North Carolina, asking this Grand Lodge to grant that Lodge permission to confer the three degrees upon an applicant formerly from Tennessee, but now residing in the jurisdiction of that Lodge, but whose residence therein had not been sufficiently long to authorize it to give him the degrees under the regulations of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. We think this communication should go to the Committee on Correspondence, and we so recommend.

We find no report from the Committee on Correspondence on this matter.

The Report on Correspondence, by Bro. Frank M. Smith, is very good and interesting, North Carolina, 1887, receiving very liberal and fraternal attention.

Bro. Henry H. Ingersoll elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### TEXAS—1887.

The fifty-second annual Communication held at Houston December 13th, 1887, Grand Master A. J. Rose presiding.

The Grand Master's address relates to local affairs mostly, and deals with matters in a business way.

The decisions are governed by local law.

The Proceedings relate mostly to local affairs, but the Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a special report upon Masonry in Mexico and the recognition of certain bodies claiming to be Grand Lodges therein. It is a most valuable collection of important information relative to a question now before us for consideration, and if we could we would like to extract the whole report, but must confine ourselves to the following:

Texas, it is true, should be among the first to recognize true Masonry in Mexico—her neighbor country—but there is a corresponding responsibility, in this: that, supposed to possess peculiar means or sources of correct information, our action will attract the attention of most, if not all, of our sister jurisdictions in America, and it behooves us to investigate with great thoroughness, and that our action be well considered.

From these considerations, which involve, we believe, the most sacred interests of Masonry, we recommend that the question of recognizing the several Grand Lodges alluded to in this report, be postponed for further investigation and consideration.

The same committee made a report on the Quebec-England controversy, supporting Quebec.

The Report on Correspondence is the joint production of Bro. George W. Tyler, chairman, and Bro. Matthews, a member of the committee, and reviews fifty-five Grand Lodges, covering 232 pages; excellent in every respect, and full of reliable information.

North Carolina, 1887, receives very liberal and pleasant attention, nearly the whole of Grand Master Busbee's address being quoted, the Centennial pleasantly referred to, and the Report on Correspondence read "with much pleasure and profit."

Bro. Anson Rainey elected Grand Master; Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### UTAH—1888.

The seventeenth annual Communication held at Salt Lake City January 17, 1888, Grand Master P. L. Williams presiding.

In his address he appropriately notices the death of M. W. Bro. O. F. Strickland, P. G. M., the first Grand Master of that Grand Jurisdiction, and a distinguished citizen. The address relates to things local, and we concur with him in what he says about "electioneering for office."

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Utah:*

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the Edict of the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, declaring, for the

reason therein assigned, that Hiram Lodge, No. 1, of New Haven, in that State, was then working as a clandestine Lodge, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all Masons in this jurisdiction are hereby forbidden from holding any Masonic communication with said Hiram Lodge, No. 1, or any member thereof: *Provided*, That any former member of said Hiram Lodge, No. 1, desiring to be received as a visitor by any constituent Lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction, must, before he can be admitted as such visitor, first produce a certificate from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut showing that he is a Master Mason in good standing and loyal to said Grand Lodge.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Christopher Diehl, and is, as usual, a fine paper, discussing the Proceedings of fifty-four American Grand Lodges in a clear and admirable manner. North Carolina, 1887, receives most fraternal consideration.

Bro. Samuel Paul elected Grand Master; Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### VERMONT—1888.

Special Communication at Bennington August 16th, 1887, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Bennington Battle Monument, Grand Master Alfred A. Hall present and officiating.

Full record of the proceedings appears, and the display must have been grand and imposing. Our Grand Master was present and took part in the ceremonies, an account of which appears in his address to this Grand Lodge at its last Communication.

The ninety-fifth annual Communication held at Burlington June 13th, 1888, Grand Master Alfred A. Hall presiding.

His address is most excellent in style and matter. Among those whose death he mentions we find P. G. M. Lucius C. Butler, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, of whom the Grand Master says:

He was buried with Masonic honors, and a beautiful and appropriate address was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, his intimate friend and brother, who will pronounce his eulogy before the Grand Lodge. In the death of Dr. Butler we lose one who, as man and Mason, had few equals and no superiors in the graces of mind and heart, that outweigh all superficial and accidental qualities, when an honest record is made. He was earnest, faithful, truthful—never forgetting his duty to God, his neighbor or himself.

“His sunny spirit was like a stream  
In whose calm depths the beautiful and pure are mirrored.”

We beg to express our fraternal sympathy and regret at the death of this eminent Brother and Reporter. He was an able Reviewer, and his reports on Correspondence were always interesting and instructive.

Of Bro. Ira Hill he says:

The Grand Lodge was convened as a fitting mark of respect to the memory of one who for nearly three quarters of a century had stood firmly by the prin-

ciples of Masonry, in adversity as well as prosperity, and to the last, cherished a love for our Order that was next to that of family.

Fourteen decisions are given, all of which appear sound, and were approved by the Grand Lodge.

Of Grand Representatives he says:

The Grand Representative system *should* cement in fraternal union the Grand Lodges throughout the world; but the office is usually regarded as simply conferring an honorary title, requiring no labor and imposing no responsibilities. While it is not expected that the Representatives can meet the Grand Lodges they represent, the avenues of communication are open, and if each brother who has been honored with an appointment would take the pains to send papers, or communicate in a general way, the doings of our Grand Body, to the Grand Master or the Grand Secretary of the body he represents, it would not only afford them pleasure, but would attract pleasant notice to our proceedings.

Of the unpleasant difficulty in Connecticut he says:

But one course can be pursued by us, viz.: to support the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and forbid Masonic intercourse with all members of said Hiram Lodge who *have* not or *shall* not declare allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

—and the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution approving the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and forbidding intercourse with all members of Hiram Lodge.

In his conclusion he says:

The success of the Masonic Institution in its onward march does not depend upon its age, the number of its votaries, costly halls, elegant paraphernalia and splendid ritual, however valuable these may be as accessories, for true Masonry is not simply a thing to please the senses; its shrine is in the heart, and the principles must find their way to the "inner sense" in order that they may become a part of ourselves and be exemplified in life.

When as Masons we *study more* and *live better* we shall find that to Masonry will be conceded all that its most enthusiastic admirers claim for it.

Glean in the journey of life from the fields through which you pass, from the waysides and halting-places all that is true, and pure, noble, and good; all that adds to the stature of perfect manhood; cultivate the virtues and shun the vices; then in your lives will be exemplified the tenets of Masonry.

The proceedings relate to local matters.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. Marsh O. Perkins, P. G. M., who states:

The reviews of Arizona, Arkansas, British Columbia, California, Canada, Colorado, Dakota, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indian Territory, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, and Kentucky, all for 1887, were prepared by the late Past Grand Master, L. C. Butler, and clearly show the handiwork of the skillful craftsman. Louisiana had been commenced, but ere he had finished it, less than two weeks preceding his death, he was compelled to lay down his pen and

leave his task to be completed by another. This was undertaken by the writer with the earnest hope, entertained by all, that Bro. Butler might be speedily restored to health, and soon be able to again resume his labors for the benefit of the Craft. Our Heavenly Father, in His inscrutable wisdom, had willed otherwise, and on the evening of May 25, from his home in Essex, our lamented Brother, possessed of the Christian's faith, quietly and calmly passed hence. Three days later his remains were consigned to earth with Masonic honors by the Grand Lodge, M. W. Grand Master Alfred A. Hall officiating, and W. Bro. Rev. Edwin Wheelock, Grand Chaplain, pronouncing the funeral sermon. Bro. Butler's Masonic career is well known to his brethren, by whom he was repeatedly called upon to serve in places of the highest responsibility. The fidelity, and consummate ability, displayed in Masonic work, especially so in his Report on Foreign Correspondence, also characterized his efforts in many other fields of labor. A zealous, untiring worker, he was honored alike by his professional associates, his fellow-citizens, and his brethren. True-hearted, generous and sympathetic, he was beloved of all with whom he was brought into contact. His name will long be cherished by his brethren, and with them we unite in the expression of heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved widow, and son and daughter, who survive him.

The report covers 79 pages and presents a condensed review of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges, North Carolina, 1888, among the number.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

#### VICTORIA.

This Grand Lodge is a very young body, having been organized in July, 1883, and has not been as yet recognized by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, though other Grand Lodges have recognized it.

We therefore, after consideration of the circumstances attending its organization and the recognitions already extended, present the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of North Carolina hereby recognizes the Grand Lodge of Victoria as an independent and sovereign Grand Lodge within and for the Province of Victoria, Australia, and hereby extends to that Grand Lodge fraternal greetings and an interchange of Masonic courtesies.

Two pamphlets are before us, the one containing proceedings of the quarterly Communication of December 12, 1887, and the other that of March 12, 1888. Nothing of general interest in either.

Bro. J. B. Patterson, Grand Master; Bro. David Meadowcroft, Grand Secretary.

#### VICTORIA—1888.

Quarterly Communication at Melbourne June 4th, 1888, Grand Master J. B. Patterson presiding.

Bro. David Munro nominated as Grand Master, and Bro. David Meadowcroft Grand Secretary.



## VIRGINIA—1887.

The one-hundred-and-tenth annual Communication held at Richmond December 12th, 1887, Grand Master William F. Drinkard presiding.

The interesting address of the Grand Master reports the death of Bro. Peyton S. Coles, P. G. M., and Grand Lecturer; dispensations, and "Centennials at Home," from which we extract the following as of interest:

On the 31st of January last I attended the centennial of the chartering of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4. As this was the mother Lodge of George Washington, who was therein initiated in 1752, it may be well for me to explain that the celebration of this year was a celebration of the centennial of the issuing of a charter to that Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

On the 31st of October last I attended the celebration of the centennial of the chartering of Richmond-Randolph Lodge, No. 19. As the membership of George Washington has rendered immortal the fame of Fredericksburg Lodge, so the membership of Edmund Randolph has entered the name of Richmond-Randolph Lodge, No. 19, upon the roll of names that "were not born to die." By the way, let me add that when General Lafayette was in this country in 1824 he visited both Fredericksburg Lodge and Richmond-Randolph Lodge, as their records show, and was received with all the honors due him. At the centennial celebration of Richmond-Randolph Lodge the record book for 1824 was opened upon the altar and there were to be seen, in their own hand-writing, the signatures of General Lafayette and his son and their traveling companion, as well as the signatures of brethren of the Lodge who were proud to avail themselves of the opportunity to sign their names in such distinguished company.

He laid, on April 5th, the corner-stone of a new City Hall at Richmond, and on the 27th of October, that of a monument to be erected to memory of General Robert E. Lee, not to speak of others.

No decisions are reported.

The proceedings relate to local matters only.

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, by Bro. William F. Drinkard, G. M., and bears the evidence of the learning, patience and culture of this reviewer. North Carolina receives attention.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re elected.

## WASHINGTON TERRITORY—1888.

Emergent Communication at Olympia February 7th, 1888, Grand Master Joseph Smith presiding, to perform funeral obsequies over Bro. James Biles, P. G. M., of whom the Grand Master spoke as follows:

As a Mason he was always honored and esteemed by his brethren, and was always a faithful worker in the quarries. He was one of the few brethren who met in convention on the 7th day of December, 1858, and formed the Grand Lodge of Washington. He was elected its first Senior Grand Warden, and in 1859 was its honored Grand Master. He served as Grand Treasurer from 1860 to and including 1867, when he was again elected Grand Master, and served in that capacity during the year 1867-'68, and has been the efficient Representa-

tive of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska from 1873 until the present time. Thus, my brethren, you see that our venerable brother was a constant worker in the hive, and was not content to sit idly by while it was in his power to assist in advancing the good works of our noble institution.

The thirty-first annual Communication held at Port Townsend, June 13, 1888, the Grand Master present.

His address is an interesting paper, from which we take the following for the benefit of the young in this Jurisdiction:

Brethren, it gives me great pleasure to greet you and bid you, one and all, welcome to this the thirty-first annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. In looking over this assemblage of Masons, I see many familiar faces and am surrounded with many of the veterans who have served this Grand Lodge for many years; who, by their wisdom and energy, have raised the standard of Masonry in Washington Territory to that eminence that to-day our Grand Jurisdiction is second to none on the continent. I also see many strange faces—brethren who are meeting with us in Grand Lodge for the first time; who have come here anxious and willing to aid and assist in making laws and regulations for the government of the Craft. Let me impress upon your minds, my young brethren, that you, for the first time, are entering upon no light or unimportant duty, and I admonish you to take lessons of wisdom from the grey-haired sires that you see here, who are now the patriarchs of the Grand Lodge, who have spent a life-time working in the quarries to promote the best interests of the Craft; for on you, my young brethren, must soon devolve the whole duty of making the laws and regulations for the government of the Craft in this jurisdiction. These aged Masons will all soon be gathered to their fathers and you will be left to fill their places.

Lodges were constituted, dispensations granted to form others and to confer degrees regardless of time, though he condemns the practice except under the most urgent necessity; gives nine decisions, two of which were not endorsed by the Grand Lodge and one with a qualification—and *we* note in the fifth, that it is not necessary to be a Warden or Past Warden to be eligible to election as Master in that jurisdiction; that foreign relations are pleasant and fraternal.

The proceedings are brief and of a local character.

Bro. Thomas M. Reed presents a most admirable and interesting Report on Correspondence, covering 124 pages, in which the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed in a pleasant and discriminating manner. North Carolina, 1888, receives its share of courteous and fraternal notice, Grand Master Robinson's address being styled "excellent in tone and matter," and extracts being made therefrom; the Grand Secretary's report noticed, and the Report on Correspondence said to be "well done," and one of our opinions quoted with approbation. We thank our far-Western brother for his kind appreciation of our (as he rightly surmises) first effort.

Bro. Nathan S. Porter elected Grand Master; Grand Secretary re-elected.

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WEST VIRGINIA—1887.

Proceedings of six special Communications reported,

The twenty-third annual Communication held at Charleston, November 15th, 1887, Grand Master Hiram R. Howard presiding.

The Grand Master's address is well written and interesting. He reports Masonry in that jurisdiction "in a healthy and prosperous condition;" several dispensations granted and refused, and twenty-five decisions, governed by local law.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. George W. Atkinson, covering 92 pages, and is a valuable and interesting review of fifty-seven Grand Lodges.

North Carolina, 1887, receives most liberal attention, and all our sayings and doings are spoken of in most complimentary style and fraternal regard.

Portraits of M. W. Charles H. Collier, G. M., and R. W. Hugh Sterling, G. T., adorn the volume.

Bro. Charles H. Collier elected Grand Master; Grand Secretary re-elected.

## WISCONSIN—1888.

The forty-fourth annual Communication met at Milwaukee, June 12th, 1888, Grand Master Eugene S. Elliott presiding.

In his address he informs us of the death of R. W. J. S. Reynolds, Senior Grand Warden of that Grand Lodge; gives thirteen decisions, of which the third and seventh were disapproved by the Grand Lodge; states the Craft in that "State was never more harmonious, never more prosperous, than now;" and closes with an eloquent panegyric on Masonry and Its Mission, from which we take the following:

The five points of fellowship constitute the golden rule of Masonry that, in a few words, embodies a code of ethics upon which the wisdom of man cannot improve; but in an age when novelty is fashionable and to be popular is to be sensational, this simple code is in danger of being neglected for new-fangled notions gotten up to please the eye or tickle the fancy. Let us take our bearings, and, if we find we have drifted out of our course, correct ourselves while we may.

Proceedings of local interest.

Bro. Duncan McGregor again prepares the Report on Correspondence, reviewing forty-seven proceedings in 70 pages, North Carolina, 1887, being among those noticed.

Bro. Myron Reed elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary re-elected.

## WYOMING—1887.

The thirteenth annual Communication held at Rawlins, December 6, 1887, Grand Master N. R. Davis presiding.

The Grand Master's address is short and refers to local matters, and no decisions reported.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, upon which no vote was taken, as it was ruled out of order by the Grand Master:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the question of the authority of the W. Master of a subordinate Lodge to make an appointment to fill an unexpired term, in case of a vacancy in an appointive office in his Lodge, beg leave to report:

That in their opinion the general weight of authority and Masonic usage is against his authority to make such appointment, and that he can only appoint to fill the vacancy *pro tem.* from time to time.

But your committee hold that this is a question which is not in any way regulated by the "Landmarks" of Masonry, and that it is therefore legitimately within the authority of each Grand Lodge to make such regulations upon this matter as in its wisdom it may see fit.

Therefore, and to settle this question, your committee recommend the following by-law:

Whenever an appointive office may become vacant by the death, removal from the jurisdiction, suspension, expulsion or continued absence and neglect of the incumbent, the Worshipful Master may declare the office vacant and proceed to fill it by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

We agree with the committee that the general weight of authority, &c., is against the power of a Master to make such appointment, but we prefer to stand by the immemorial custom and do not endorse this recommendation, to make a change.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. W. L. Kuykendall, and covers 65 pages, reviewing the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges, in an easy, concise but agreeable manner.

North Carolina. 1887, receives attention.

Two special Communications to lay corner-stones—one of the capitol at Cheyenne, the other of Cook county court-house, Sundance.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

## NEVADA—1888.

These Proceedings came to hand after the report had gone to press, hence the position out of alphabetical order.

The twenty-fourth Annual Communication, held at Virginia City June 12th, 1888, and was opened in ample form by Grand Master A. L. Fitzgerald.

The Grand Master, in his address, after an eloquent and appropriate opening, alludes to the invasion of his jurisdiction and his efforts to prevent acts of trespass, states that none of his decisions were important enough to justify reporting.

The Proceedings relate to local matters only.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. R. L. Fulton, fifty-eight pages, very briefly noticing the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges, North Carolina barely catching a glance of the eye in his rapid survey.

Bro. William McMillan elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

## CORRECTION.

Under *Texas*, page 52, in paragraph alluding to report on Correspondence, the word *reliable* before *information* should be *valuable*, so as to read "full of valuable information."

## CONCLUSION.

Our labors as Reporters for this year are now ended, and we present to the Fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction and elsewhere the results thereof. Our hours of toil have been lightened and made a work of pleasure by the agreeable and profitable intercourse with our able Brothers of other Jurisdictions and our "minds have been widened," and our information extended by their collected knowledge and experience. Looking forward with pleasure to resuming labor with them, we now call off.

DONALD W. BAIN,  
EUGENE S. MARTIN,  
*Committee.*

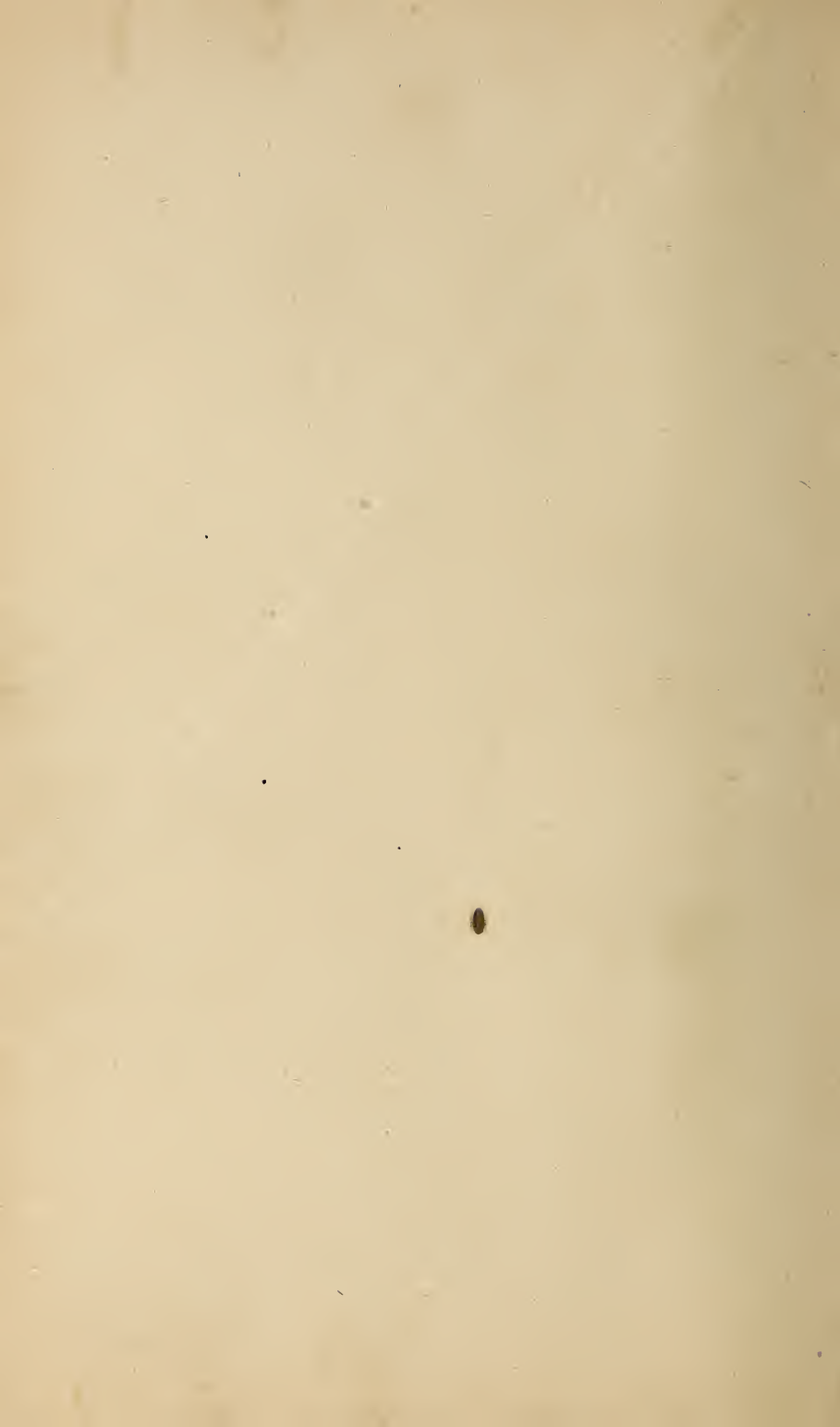
[The chairman here takes the liberty of repeating the verbal suggestion he made to the Grand Lodge on the presentation of the report, that the labor was performed entirely by his associate, Bro. Martin, who now becomes permanent chairman.]
















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The attention of Masters of Lodges is called to Section 2, page 42, of the Code, as follows:

“The Master of each Subordinate Lodge shall cause to be read the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, for the information of the brethren, and the Lodge shall preserve the same and have them bound.”